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WD Favors Army, Navy Air Merger

WASHINGTON—Secretary of War Stimson Tuesday asked Congress to decide "as soon as possible" to merge land, sea and air forces of the United States under a single Department of the Armed Forces.

Once the decision is made, Stimson asserted, "even though not carried out until after the termination of hostilities (at least in the European theater)" many present military questions could be more easily resolved.

Members of the Special House Committee on Post-War Military Policy, who heard Stimson, said that legislation to effect such a merger was likely to be reported soon. Secretary of Navy Knox is reported to favor the merger.

Proposal Outlined

The proposal as outlined by Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Chief of Staff, includes:

A Secretary of the Armed forces, under whom Under-secretaries of Army, Navy and Air would function;

The addition of a common supply services department;

A U. S. joint chiefs of staff organization headed by a chief of staff to the Constitutional Commander in Chief and including the Chiefs of Staffs of Army, Navy and Air Forces. A director of common supply services, subordinate in rank, would be added to the group. (See MERGER, Page 13)

Baruch Ready To Give Fortune To Benefit Returning Servicemen

NEW YORK.—Bernard M. Baruch has given \$1,100,000 to aid physical medicine research, particularly to help returning servicemen, and has set up the Baruch Committee on Physical Medicine to carry on his program.

"I am prepared to put most of my fortune in it—I believe in it," he said Wednesday. "I feel this program will help restore discharged soldiers to normal physical and mental condition.

"My interest has been heightened by my desire to do something for the 700,000 returning soldiers every month. I want to do that something now, before I get older."

The committee defined physical medicine as use of light, heat, water, cold, electricity, massage, manipulation, exercise, spas, climatology and hydrology, the latter specializing in baths, sprays and the like. The committee is headed by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University.



A GENERAL chats with his men. Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the U. S. 6th Army, talks with Pvt. Louis V. Birch, a member of the 1st U. S. Cavalry Division, and one of the first men to land on Los Negros Island in the Admiralty Group. —Signal Corps Photo.

While Eyes Were On Europe

Allied Forces Jolted the Japs

WASHINGTON—With the bulk of attention centered on D-Day and the long-awaited opening of the second front in Europe, Allied forces in the South Pacific launched an offensive in New Guinea, stopped the Jap offensive in India and made steady progress in the Burma drive.

Tension in Britain increased with Allied air forces striking at occupied Europe in ever-increasing air offensive.

In India the tide has definitely turned in the Allies' favor. The Jap prongs moving toward the Calcutta-Ledo railroad have been stopped with exceedingly heavy losses. New British forces moving in from Dimapur have relieved Kohima, at the same time opening the Dimapur-Kohima road.

The situation at Imphal has been eased. Substantial airborne reinforcements have been landed 200 miles inside Burma by Col. Philip Cochrane's American Air Commando Force and are proceeding to tear the heart out of the Japanese Central Burma supply system. Allied forces have also severed the Japs' main supply line running from Myitkyina to Mandalay.

Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's troops have encircled a Jap division at the Mansum area and are making steady advance toward Mogaung, a strategic Jap railway base.

The new Japanese move in China

WD Says Only 11 OCS Will Be in Operation This Fall

WASHINGTON.—With the initial pressing demand for junior officers met and the need for the Officer Candidate School program decreasing rapidly, not more than 11 of the original 26 schools in continental United States will be in operation this fall, the War Department announced.

During March, the following Officer Candidate Schools were suspended: Fort Riley, Kan. (Cavalry); Fort Monroe, Va. (Coast Artillery); Camp Hood, Tex. (Tank Destroyer).

On March 1, the Military Police Officer Candidate School at Fort Custer, Mich., accepted its last class and will be suspended after graduation of this class on June 27, 1944. The Anti-aircraft Artillery Officer Candidate School at Camp Davis, N. C., enrolled its last class on February 20 and will close on June 15, 1944.

The Chemical Warfare Service Officer Candidate School, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., which enrolled a class last March 13 for graduation this July 8, will be suspended on completion of this class. The Armored Officer Candidate School, at Fort Knox, Ky., will be suspended on September 23, 1944, when its last class, enrolled May 29, will be graduated.

When the peak of the program was

reached in December, 1942, more than 23,000 enrollees were graduated in that month from Officer Candidate Schools. Since then the number of monthly graduates has steadily dropped until now it is below 2500. Of the four Officer Candidate Schools overseas, only the one in Australia now is in operation.

Officer Candidate Schools which at present accept candidates are: Fort Belvoir, Va. (Engineer); Fort Sill, Okla. (Field Artillery); Ann Arbor, Mich. (Judge Advocate General); Camp Barkeley, Tex. (Medical Administration); Aberdeen Proving Ground, (Ordnance); Camp Lee, Va. (Quartermaster); Fort Monmouth, N. J. (Signal); New Orleans, La. (Transportation); San Antonio, Tex. (Army Air Forces) which will supplant the Army Air Forces Officer Candidate School at Miami, Fla.

Officer Candidate Schools which were suspended prior to those already mentioned include: Fort Washington, (Adjutant General's Department); Fort Warren, Wyo. (Quartermaster); Carlisle Barracks, (Medical Administration); Fargo, N. D. (Army Administration); Grinnell, Iowa (Army Administration); Gainesville, Fla. (Army Administration); Fort Washington, (Army Administration).

2300 Men, 373 Airplanes Lost In Air Battles

WASHINGTON—The greatest sustained aerial offensive in history has cost the American and Britons 2300 airmen and 373 planes over an 11-day period.

Despite these large figures the Allied command considers the cost—the plane loss is slightly more than 1 per cent of the 33,000 attacking craft of all types—a reasonable price for the results obtained.

More than 700 fighters of the enemy's precious front-line strength have been destroyed, and damage has been done to Axis air plants, fields, rail junctions and coastal fortifications which may knock months off the war.

Most of the 2300 missing airmen are believed to be prisoners of war, interned for the duration in Sweden and Switzerland. The estimate does not include dead and wounded brought back to their bases.

The air offensive, directed in an effort to shorten the war, has three main objectives: Destruction of the German air force; disorganization of the German transportation system; and softening of the Atlantic wall.

Putting a dollar sign on the cost of war—the 373 planes, valued at 50 million dollars, plus the value of the technical education given the crewmen lost during the offensive has cost the Allies at least 100 million dollars.

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

Allied operations opened in a new area when planes from carriers in the Indian Ocean made bombing attacks on Sebang, an important Jap naval harbor, and Lhonga, in Sumatra.

German-occupied Europe has suffered the "greatest concerted air action of the war" in 10 consecutive days of the heaviest air offensive in history. Day after day fleets of 1000, 2000 and even 3000 bombers and fighters of the American air forces and the RAF have attacked Axis factory-production, coast installations and railway communication centers in operations to destroy the Luftwaffe both in the air and on the ground and to paralyze German defense. German air fleets have suffered heavy losses, even though they have appeared only on "favorable" occasions.

In Italy minor operations have developed on the Cassino front during the week which have resulted in the improvement of Allied positions. The battle for Sevastopol is in its final phase. It is still occupied by the beleaguered German forces as this is written but may be taken by the Russians any day. In the meantime the destruction of the Axis army centered there has been carried on systematically.

The Russians report 500,000 Axis troops killed or captured in Lower Russia in the past 60 days. German reports note that the Russians are massing in the north, along the Poland line, which, if it is the case, may be construed as a move to coincide with the invasion of the western front, placing the Axis armies between enormous forces on both sides.

If Officer Isn't 'On the Ball' Army Will Get Rid of Him

WASHINGTON—Attainment of the Army's planned strength of 7,700,000 officers and enlisted personnel focuses increased attention on the Army's problem of providing competent leadership within this great striking force.

The Army demands a high quality of performance by all of its leaders. It is an obligation and a necessity to eliminate officers who cannot meet the Army's requirements. This obligation, heightened by the realization that soldiers of a citizen Army deserve, more than anything else, competent leadership, takes precedence over all other considerations.

Realizing that it was inevitable that mistakes would be made in the appointment and subsequent assignment of some officers during the mobilization period, and that some officers, meeting all qualifications for appointment, would prove unsatisfactory in their assignments, the Army established a system of reclassification to provide a procedure

whereby officers could be utilized to the best advantage of the government or eliminated from the service if unsuitable.

The reclassification procedure embraces those steps necessary to place the individual in the proper job or to separate him from the service.

Under the reclassification procedure, an officer of the Army may be reclassified when it is considered that he is assigned to duties for which he is not fitted, or is unsatisfactory in his current assignment because he holds commission in a grade higher than that for which he is professionally fitted, possesses habits or traits of character which adversely affect his efficiency as an officer, or is not qualified professionally or otherwise to hold any commission.

Disciplinary cases are not handled under the reclassification procedure, which is administrative rather than judicial. Rights of the individual are stressed, with every means being taken to protect those rights.

Despite Dust, Rain, Native Thieves Nurse Says Life In Africa Was Fun

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—No show on earth can surpass the one usually seen by members of the Army Nurse Corps, 1st Lt. Evelyn Longmire declares. For travel, human interest, pathos and the developing of deep soul-stirring fortitude, the experiences of the Army nurse are tops, she believes.

And she ought to know. She can recall tale after tale of modern drama . . . drama reeled off before her eyes at the crossroads of dark-est Africa.

"We landed in Africa after 22 days at sea," she recalled. "For a short period we took over a hospital at that port of landing. From that point the whole hospital unit was flown to the permanent base, 2000 miles from our point of landing. I was to be chief nurse at the permanent base."

Built of Mud

"You should have seen the quarters allotted to us for the hospital! It was a sprawling building, honey-combed with corridors and halls, built of native mud. The building had been used for native incurables, so you can imagine its condition when we took over."

To remedy this situation, everyone rolled up sleeves and pitched in. Doctor turned carpenter, nurse turned scrub woman. Wards were constructed from left over 940 crates, the only wood to be found in the whole area. Alterations were effected, rooms scrubbed and fumigated. By the end of three days the establishment was put into shape to accept some patients. Later on tents were erected to care for other patients.

"Already-sterilized packs had to be used in operating rooms, and light was furnished from flash-lights. All cooking was done in field kitchens."

Lived Out of Cans

"In fact the very crudest conditions were encountered. The whole unit lived out of cans . . . drank and washed teeth in heavily chlorinated water from cans. Tin plates and mess kits were, of course, the standard utensils."

Lt. Longmire explained that water was available to the hospital only from 8 to 10, 6 to 8 each day. Part of this water was furnished from the nearby town and part stored up by facilities erected at the hospital. Such was the case of seeing the world in the army nurse corps . . . electric power, the city furnished part of it and a hospital oil-operated generator supplied the rest.

The temperature ranged from 110 to 130 degrees in the daytime.

What was known as the "ham-l-tan" held sway for a good part of the dry season. This is a perpetual yellowish dust that fills the sky, giving it a yellow cast at all times, filtering and covering everything and everybody with its film. "Later, the rainy season swooped down on the base with its tur-

nard," as the French call it. It is a never-ending rain storm which stimulates a hurricane. Torrential sheets of water go through everything, making it necessary for patient and nurse alike to be continually on the move, day and night, to seek a dryer spot within the most watertight of buildings. This season lasted from July 1 to October 30," she explained.

"The houses were all stucco, and were surprisingly sturdy. However, nothing could keep out the bugs, mosquitoes, rats, mice . . . and native thieves. Although a high wall or palisade surrounded the building and formed a compound within, nothing was safe to leave about without posting guard," she pointed out.

During her stay, a bad epidemic of bubonic plague broke out in a distant village. In that place the mortality rate mounted to practically 100 per cent. Some cases were treated at the hospital, where great care was exercised to keep the plague from spreading.

"Perhaps that doesn't sound like fun to many people," commented Miss Longmire. "But it was to me. I saw a lot of the world, met and overcame problems I had never dreamed of, and had the satisfaction that comes from a job well done. The morale of the unit was wonderful, everyone taking the hard knocks with a spirit of fun and adventure."

The evacuation hospital with which she served in Sicily was set up just two days after the invasion. After the LCI made the beach, nurses in coveralls and full field equipment waded ashore with the other hospital personnel. No time was lost in preparing for operations near the front lines.

An incident Lieutenant Wheeler will long remember concerned what to people at home may seem a trivial commodity—a cigarette. "I was standing at the bulletin board smoking a cigarette when behind me I heard a voice, 'Nurse, could I have a cigarette?'" There stood an infantryman, dirty, ragged and very tired. I asked him when he had smoked his last cigarette. It had been three weeks. After giving him one I instructed him to stay right at the bulletin board and wait. He was still there when I returned with five packs of cigarettes."

To boost wounded soldiers' moral, Lieutenant Wheeler told of how the nurses wore lipstick and perfume. "This might seem foolish, especially since we wore coveralls, but those boys didn't think so."

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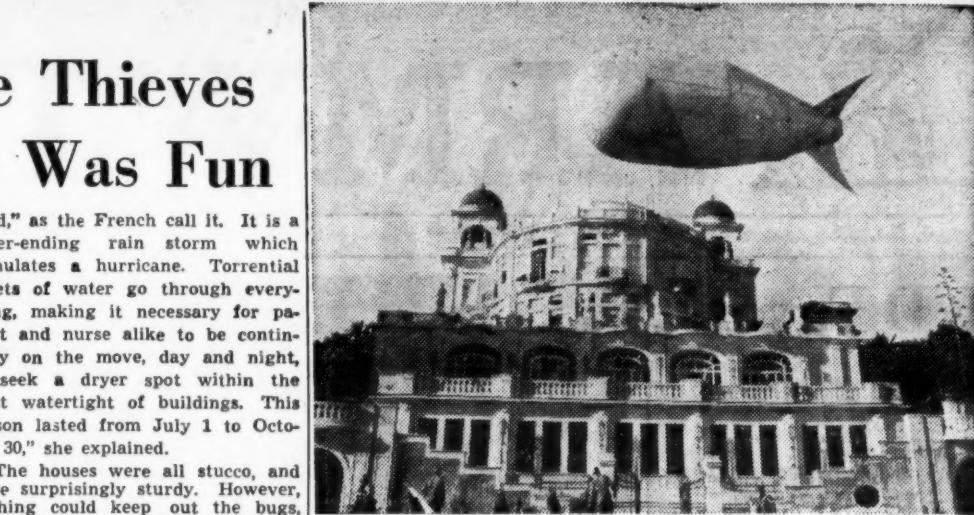
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OFFERING an interesting contrast between war and peace, this barrage balloon of a U. S. Army Anti-Aircraft unit ascends before a structure of classical Italian architecture on the beachhead at Anzio. The building is apparently untouched by the hazards of war in spite of its proximity to some of the most severe fighting yet participated in by Americans.

—Signal Corps Photo.

'Fully Entered on Roads To Victory,' King Reports

WASHINGTON—"Allied forces are now 'fully entered' on the roads to victory," said Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet and chief of naval operations, in a report to Navy Secretary Knox this week.

Admiral King made such frank disclosures of operations now in the making that they constitute an invitation to the Japanese fleet to come out and fight. He virtually told them where the American Navy will be—if the Japs want to show up.

The Navy commander said that Japan's position was even worse than the war maps indicated, for her terrific losses at sea and her dwindling powers of recuperation, countered by growing American might, represent strategic defeats which must be added to the actual territory she has lost.

The main points of Admiral King's report may be summed up as follows:

Though long roads still lie ahead both in Europe and the Pacific, we are now prepared to "travel fast and far to victory."

Nazi submarines in the Atlantic have been reduced from a "menace" to a "problem."

Army-Navy teamwork has been firmly established and welded into "one national military force." The important principle of unified command in amphibious operations is successful with Anglo-American Army and Navy forces, as well as with our own acting alone.

Fleets Move Unchallenged

Regarding the war in the Pacific and its prospects, Admiral King asserted: "Through experience we have mastered and improved the technique of amphibious operations in which the Japanese were so proficient in the early days of the war. Our Army and Navy forces have learned to fight as one team. We have learned how to make the most of what we have but it is no longer

necessary to ask our commanders to get along as best they can on inadequate means. Our submarines and planes are cutting deeper and deeper into vital Japanese shipping and our fleets move in the Central Pacific unchallenged."



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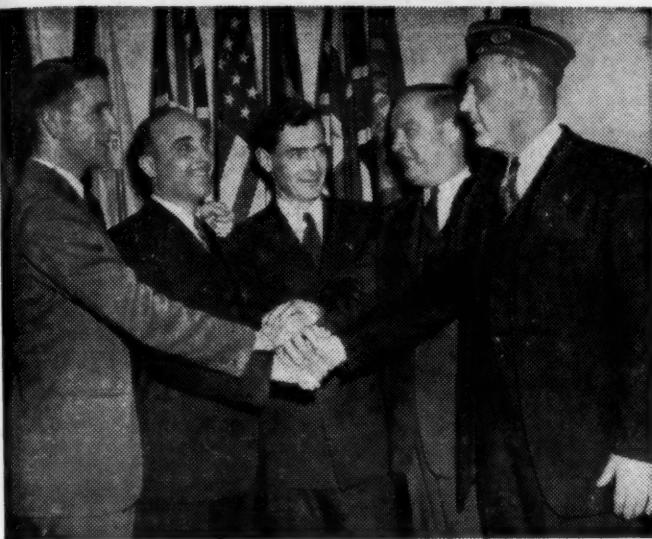
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NATIONAL Commander Warren H. Atherton of the American Legion, greets four World War II veterans just added to the staff of its Washington, D. C., headquarters. L. to R. they are Ralph A. Johnson, claims section; Raymond Sifdol, legal; Elliot Hayes, assistant national publicity officer, and James Moore, new secretary of the National Legislative Committee.

Shells Pitch Hay Away Revealing Tanks

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY—The tank man who conceived the big idea of using haystacks to camouflage German Mark IV's must have been an ex-hobo.

The scheme was tried on the Anzio front. A squad of paratroopers, manning an 81 mm. mortar, pushed in the direction of one of the canals. Cpl. Walter E. Smith moved ahead to make observations. Several hundred yards farther along, he saw a haystack.

"Damned if I remember seeing that yesterday," he mused.

The more he looked, the more he was puzzled. Somehow, it didn't

have the streamlined shape of the haystacks the farmers erect back where he came from.

"There's something fishy about that haystack out there," he telephoned his mates. Let's work it over a bit and see what happens."

Pvt. Charles L. Ramsey planted a shell so close to the target that the burst blew away several armfuls of hay.

"There's a tank in that stack," reported Smith. "Fire three rounds of smoke for effect."

Pvt. Charles Stilhia complied. The particles of phosphorous flew all over the stack. The hay went up in a flash, leaving the Mark IV beneath afire. When the smoke cleared, three Jerries could be seen shoveling dirt on the flames. Rounds of seven-pound HE shells killed two and caused the tank to explode. Three other hay-covered Mark IV's were found close by and were disposed of in the same manner. The squad has discovered no more haystacks concealing tanks, though they have set fire to several. Apparently, the Germans have abandoned that type of camouflage.

Aleutian Veterans Sweating Furloughs

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Rugged soldiers of the 153rd Infantry Regiment, veterans of two years and more in the Aleutians and pioneers of at least three Aleutian air bases, have arrived at Camp Shelby.

A majority of these troops have not had furloughs in almost three years now, are "sweating" the twenty-day furloughs which are due them. Officers and men are members of the Second and Third Battalions and other reinforcing elements of the regiment.

At the time these soldiers landed on a secret island west of Dutch Harbor the Aleutians had not become household conversation in the states where now people speak of Umnak, Kiska and Adak as though they were Chittling Switch, Possum Trot and Bear Creek. Two companies landed on a cold, barren Aleutian Island in a blinding February blizzard, set up their pup tents, and proceeded about the business of living on and defending the place, at the same time, lending a heavy hand to the construction of the first "bomber-size" runway in the islands and in the unloading of cargo barges of all kinds, of military impediments.

Porky Not PW

PASADENA, Cal. — "My nickname is 'Porky'—'Porky' Wade. See?" The high school boy explained to the encircling dozen motorcycle patrolmen and police car cops when they were about to bring him in as an escaped prisoner of war.

Finally he convinced them that he was just "Porky" Wade delivering eggs, but police suggested it would be just as well if he'd paint out the initials PW stenciled on the back of his jacket.

'Big Brother' Idea Adopted At Kohler

CAMP KOHLER, Calif.—A Soldiers' Guide program, geared to help the new trainee in the oft-times difficult period of transition from civilian to military life, has been launched by the Western Signal Corps Unit Training Center at Camp Kohler and is netting definitely beneficial results for all concerned.

Organized along the lines of a similar program inaugurated some time ago at North Camp Hood, Tex., the idea behind Soldiers' Guide is simply to give the inductee a "big brother" friend in the person of the company guide—a non-commissioned officer selected for the job because of his experience and understanding of the other man's problem.

There will be such a guide in each barracks.

Whereas the newcomer might hesitate to approach his first sergeant or company commander, he is in most cases not averse to talking to his company guide. Such conversations between guide and soldier are informal and unofficial. Usually the problem is of such remediable nature that the guide can solve it himself without going through higher channels.

Timing is the important factor in the whole program. The guide gets to the man whom he needs help most and keeps a "mole-hill" problem from becoming a mountain in size.

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Congratulations, Senator Clark!

(See Story on Page One)

Congratulations, Senator Bennett Clark. Your stand on the GI Bill of Rights is highly commendable. You have dug through the phrases which camouflage the real issue and have brought the fight out in the open.

Although whispered remarks in cloakrooms voiced the same opinion, you have brought the real problem, the problem of racial equality, to the attention of the public. Congressman Rankin's argument that he is trying to make a "workable piece of legislation" sounds woefully weak, as the Senate unanimously approved the bill.

As a past commander of the American Legion, Senator Clark, you appreciate the problems of returning veterans. Your son in service and millions of other sons and daughters in service will appreciate your efforts.

Congressman Rankin's refusal to comment on the subject is explainable. It is always extremely hard to explain blind prejudices and bitter hatreds when those personal feelings are delaying actions which have the support of an entire nation.

Although the Congressman from Mississippi will disagree, we feel you have done the veterans a great service, Senator Clark. Now then, let's get the GI Bill of Rights out of committee and on the floor of the House without further delay. There won't be 10 votes against it.

War Department Takes Step Forward

Secretary of War Stimson and War Department officials are advocating the merger of the Army, Navy and Air Forces and placing them under one cabinet officer. It is a step which has been advocated for years by many military leaders but frowned upon by others.

It is rather fortunate that the step was not taken too many years ago. It is only during the past few years that the Air Forces have established their value. A pre-war merger would probably have placed the Air Forces in a subordinate role and another readjustment similar to the one now being advocated would have been necessary.

The establishment of a supply department to serve the three arms of the service would be a long step in the right direction. The many stories of duplication of technical and other equipment have become legend.

The forthright stand taken by the War Department is highly commendable. There should be no doubt left in anyone's mind that the Army is more than willing to cooperate in any move which will make the nation less liable to attack.

Why Can't Veterans Homestead?

Secretary of Interior Ickes has proposed that the nation's \$15,000,000,000 worth of war plants be given to the men and women now in the armed forces. As reported last week by Army Times, Ickes suggested that shares of stock in the plants be distributed to the veterans, who would not only own but operate the plants.

It is a thought-provoking idea. It has a great deal of merit. The Secretary called his plan a "revised edition of the Homestead Acts and of the land provisions of the reclamation law." He termed it the most beneficial form of bonus payment.

The proposal naturally is open to many charges. To us the most serious is that he tossed the possibility of post-war homesteading aside in favor of his proposal. We still want to know why the veterans of World War II can't have homesteads. If a fighting man can exist in a South Sea foxhole he certainly can make a sound, independent living on a homestead. If the Federal Government and the states don't have enough suitable lands, why not buy suitable for homesteading purposes.

Through the depression years many people found that a good living could be obtained off a few acres of land. During the post-war readjustment period there are many who would like to try. We think they deserve an opportunity.

A hick town is a place where there's no place to go that you shouldn't!

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A certain young fellow named Beebee
Wished to wed with a lady named Phoebe;
"But," he said, "I must see
What the clerical fee
Be before Phoebe be Phoebe
Beebee."

• • •

"Captain: 'Honey, how do you
like my company?'"

"The Blonde: 'Swell, every one
of them.'"

• • •

She was just a second hand
dealer's daughter so she didn't al-
low much on the old sofa.

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My Bonnie lies over the sea—
When she cables unwavering
devotion.

My Bonnie lies—obviously.

Here lies the body of Private
Grogan;

He died of a heart attack;
His cleaning was promised for Tues-
day,

And on Tuesday he got it back!

The Mess Line

It's with peroxide blondes are made,
Brunettes are made with dye,
But lots of guys make either shade
With rum or gin or rye.

The only guy who'll ever thank
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business is the handkerchief
manufacturer.

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At Your Service

Q. What is the retirement pay of a soldier with 20 or more years service?

A. Equal to three quarters of the pay he drew for his last six months of service.

Q. What is the Army Certificate of Disability for Discharge?

A. It is WD, AGO Form No. 40, an additional record which is separate and apart from the Honorable Discharge Certificate. The Honorable Discharge Certificate certifies that the soldier is honorably discharged from the military service of the United States of America, and that the Certificate is awarded as a testimonial of honest and faithful service to his country.

Q. What are the eligibility requirements for hospitalization for peace-time veterans?

A. A peace-time veteran must have been honorably discharged on S.C.D. on account of disease or injury incurred in line of duty, or he must be in receipt of pension by reason of his peace-time service in order to be eligible for hospitalization.

Q. What are the eligibility requirements for veterans of World War II?

A. The same as W. W. No. 1 for S. C. or Non-S. C. Disabilities if a bed is available.

Q. May a peace-time veteran be hospitalized for treatment for a physical defect he had before he enlisted?

A. Yes, if it was aggravated in line of duty, and if he is entitled to pension for the disability. This would also apply to a World War II veteran.

Q. Would you recommend any other class to apply for hospital treatment?

A. Yes, if any veteran thinks he has potential eligibility he should apply and let the Administration determine his eligibility.

Q. How should a veteran apply for hospitalization?

A. Veterans' Administration Form P-10 should be used for this purpose, executed in detail. The medical certificate, which is part of the Form P-10, should be filled in by a physician.

Q. Are veterans of World War II entitled to benefits through the Veterans' Administration?

A. Yes.

Q. Under what conditions may a veteran be paid peace-time pension?

A. Pension is payable to a veteran for service other than war service who incurred a disability in line of duty or suffered aggravation of a disability in line of duty, and who was honorably discharged from service.

Q. What is meant by extra-hazardous service?

A. All military or naval service is, of course, hazardous. It is the extra hazards that count, rather than conditions simulating war. Submarine duty and the handling of aircraft are examples of extra-hazardous service.

Q. What are disability payments to World War II veterans called?

A. Pension.

Q. Under what conditions are pension payments made to World War II veterans?

A. For disability incurred in or aggravated in line of duty, and where the veteran has been honorably discharged from the military or naval service. Pension is payable from date of receipt of claim, or from date of discharge from military or naval service, whichever is the later date.

Q. What are the rates payable for World War II veterans?

A. All World War II veterans are rated under the 1933 Schedule of Disability Ratings only, which provide rates in steps of 10 from 10% to 100% degrees of disability. Rates payable are the war-time rates, the same as for World War I veterans.

Q. Are veterans having disabilities due to their own misconduct entitled to hospital treatment or domiciliary care at Government expense?

A. Hospitalization and domiciliary care are not necessarily denied on account of the misconduct origin of disease or disability.

Q. What becomes of a veteran's personal effects when he dies while being provided institutional care or treatment by the Veterans' Administration?

A.. If no will is produced to show that the veteran has disposed of his personal property, and if he does not leave any spouse, heirs, or next of kin entitled to such property, the title to the property passes to the United States as trustee for the sole use and benefit of the General Post Fund, subject to being reclaimed at any time within five years by anyone who establishes the right to take the property by will or inheritance.

Q. Will the Veterans' Administration give a veteran dental treatment?

A. Yes, if his dental condition is service connected or if it should be determined that dental treatment is necessary as adjunct or auxiliary treatment to relieve service-connected physical disability or to relieve the condition for what he is being treated in the hospital.

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Letters

Gentlemen:

"With as little heartache as possible" are the words you used in your March 4 article about the discharge of blind veterans.

For years before my induction, and even now, I have tried to let people know that a blind person does not want sympathy, but merely his rightful place in the world. Many blind persons complain that the first words they hear are "It's too bad you're blind". Let's stop it—greet them with "Hello bud, how are you?"

As Chairman of the Newark Lions Club Blind Committee and a member of the New Jersey Blindmen's Association for years, I know that all my sightless friends have the swellest meetings, dances, etc., together but when they go to outside affairs everyone seems to feel sorry for them. So they keep to themselves because of the heartache they cause others.

Army Times could do lots for blind veterans if it would inform the public of some cheery way to greet a blind person. Please see what you can do for the blind veterans. I am sure you can help.

T/Sgt. Jesse A. Rodgers,
722 MP Bn.,
Fort Lewis, Wash.

Gentlemen:
"Combat Medics," you bet. These litter bearers deserve all of that and more. You'd be surprised how proud it would make these brave medics if that name was adopted. I am also convinced that there would be volunteers just like the aerial gunner deal.

If you would drop the Adjutant General a line or two and include the article that was written on April 1 in Army Times and this letter, who knows, Hitler might even "give up."

I have returned from overseas duty a short time ago and I know what the score is. Even though I was an aerial gunner, I still know what the other half of the Army is doing. When an Air Corps fella pulls for a medic—that's something!

Sgt. Paul A. Haddad
Mason General Hospital
Brentwood, N.Y.

Pickin' Up Papers

"The Latrine Screen," anti-rumor journal and pin-up paper, has recently made its debut on bulletin boards and barracks walls of the 11th Airborne Division stationed at Camp Polk, La. The first issue announces the "Screen's" annual rumor contest—for which "any nitwit can qualify." First step in the competition is to "tear off the top of your helmet liner and mail it with two copies of your best rumor to the 'Latrine Screen' along with your name, address, and shoe ration coupon."

Second qualification is satisfactory circulation of a rumor through at least 43 latrines, five PX's, three beer joints, and 4 USO dances. Extra points are allowed for rumors coming from a "reliable source" such as the latrine orderly.

"Gee-Too" published by the American Red Cross New Guinea Beach Club, began weekly publication on April 8. Mostly chatter and club news, "Gee-Too" explains that its name is a "pun on G-2, one of the four branches of Army organization . . . which has come to mean the latest information, gossip or otherwise."

Also new are "Block and Tackle," publication of the enlisted personnel of the 1699th Combat Engineer Battalion, 7th Detachment Special Troops, XIII Corps at Camp Butler, N. C., and "The Mad Hatter," 11th Photo Group, Mapping, at MacDill Field, Fla.

The 665th Field Artillery Battalion announced the birth of "The 665th" on April 15, with a back-page credit of obstetrics and nursing to the cadre; labor pains to the recruits; layette to Madame GI; noise to the 665th FA, and best wishes from Uncle Sam.

Older and established papers are coming out with new spring ideas. For instance, the "Kessler Field news," Kessler Field, Miss., put out a special Air-Wac rotogravure supplement last week. If anything will induce a girl to join the WAC, we'd think this would—photos of WACs marching, doing all sorts of jobs, at sports, and best of all, in bathing suits on the beach at Biloxi.

The front page of the Hill Field, Utah, "Hillfielder" was decidedly different . . . and effective . . . last week. Just a big photo of the neon sign which guards the south gate to the field, the paper's masthead, and a small caption.

Kills 5 and Captures 78 Germans

By SGT. FRED W. WELTY

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—After raiding German positions with hand grenades and fixed bayonets, S/Sgt. Madison D. Gardner related how he and his infantry platoon of the 3rd "Marne" Division killed five and captured 78 Germans soldiers on the Anzio beachhead.

"The fight started at night," said the tall infantryman. "We were pinned down by Jerry tanks and machinegun fire. We kept in our foxholes, and then saw dark figures groping toward us."

Gardner directed his men to let them pass and then ambush them.

"We captured 28 Jerries in the pitch dark," Gardner said. "They couldn't see us—and we just barely saw them outlined as they passed. They came in fours and fives, and it was 'easy-killing' until dawn."

As the first rays of sun unmasked their positions, it was either advance or retreat for these infantrymen.

"We charged head-on," said the platoon leader. "The situation called for it and it was the last thing those foxholed heinies expected."

With grenades hooked on their belts and bayonets fixed, the squad

of infantrymen charged across a field and through two ravines. Germans, caught sleepy-eyed, nevertheless answered with rifle fire. Grenades exploded in several enemy foxholes and a group of five were shot point-blank by the Fifth Army doughboys.

"We cleared up that field," said Gardner. "There were some Jerries we kicked out of their dugouts. Others we shot when they tried to

play tricks."

At noon that day Gardner and his men reported back to their company. Ahead of them marched a huddled group of prisoners. Their 3rd Division company commander counted the second batch of prisoners. There were 50 Germans in all, including two Nazi officers. Gardner's early morning ambush netted 28 others, totalling 78 prisoners in all for the 12 hours fighting.



NEW NAZI anti-personnel mine, made of cement on the outside and metal composition inside, is held by a U. S. soldier in the Cassino area of Italy. The wooden peg is driven into the ground, the mine is placed on it above the ground, and a fine string or wire is tied between two mines. When the trip string is disturbed, it pulls the pins and both mines explode simultaneously, throwing small pieces of metal in all directions. —Signal Corps Photo.

The Army Quiz

1. The United States Army uses 13 different forms of transportation in the delivery of soldiers' mail. How many of these can you name?

2. If a bomber pilot were to write home from a base somewhere in Great Britain "I am now battling in the big league," would he be trying to tell the home folks that he was—

A. Flying a record number of missions?
B. Playing baseball over there?
C. Taking part in American air attacks on Germany?

3. Lord Louis Mountbatten has his headquarters in the capital of India. Is this—

A. Mandalay?
B. New Delhi?
C. Calcutta?

4. The C-69 recently made a notable flight record. Is it—

A. The Sky Caravan?
B. The Constellation?
C. The Mustang?

5. 1C's may subscribe to the AFI. Can you explain this?

6. If you were fighting in a desert region and were issued a havelock, would you get—

A. A special form of pup tent?
B. A fighting axe?
C. A head covering?

7. What general in chief of the United States' Army retained his command more than 20 years?

A. Gen. Winfield Scott?
B. Gen. John J. Pershing?

C. Gen. George B. McClellan?

8. The Marshall Islands, now virtually all conquered by American forces, were mandated to Japan after World War I. Do you know who owned them previous to that time?

9. 1000 American heavy bombers have been used in several recent attacks on Berlin. Would you say that one or 1000 sorties have been made in any such attack?

10. According to War Department figures the Army has now reached 1,000,000. How many would you say were in the Army before the draft was initiated?

A. 133,550?
B. 510,224?
C. 2,500,000?

(See "QUIZ ANSWER," Page 12)

Allies Have What it Takes To Reach Enemy's Throat

LONDON — Although he admits that war is not an exact science, Gen. Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson, military commentator for the Evening Star, summarizes the factors which, he says, will enable the Allied armies "to reach the enemy's throat and finish him off."

He lists the chief factors which affect the issue in any battle as follows:

1. Strength of composition of both sides, including air power.
2. Armament, training, fighting qualities, and leadership.
3. Reserves of manpower and material.
4. Power of movement on land to the battle field.
5. Morale and determination to win.

Reds Have More Reserves On the eastern front he thinks that there is little to choose from except that the Russians are believed to have far greater reserves, while Germany, in her retreat, has severely damaged many communications which Russia must use.

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On the western front, he says that the British and Americans clearly have the advantage in reserves, as against Germany's advantage of mobility. Thus, he says, the Germans

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have superior mobility on both fronts. This, however, is being smashed by ever-increasing the air raids as the Allies have the ascendancy in the air.

He believes that air power more than outweighs the many advantages of communication with the interior lines, saying that it tends to bring about the isolation of hostile formations, one from the other, so that controlled, co-ordinated action is lost and the opposing side gradually is weakened.

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Clean Soldier!

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—When a soldier needs a little "poker money" he'll do most anything—even his buddies' wash.

Pvt. John Golden, a Combat Engineer, recently ran short of cash and did just that. "But that's the last time," he vowed.

The big game was scheduled for

the afternoon. Early that morning, Private Golden set up "G.I. Golden's White Washery". He got customers and clipped each two dollars for O.D.s and underwear. Using two old cans filled with cold water, G.I. soap and a hair brush, Private Golden labored several hours before the garments were clean.

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Forty World War II Fighting Men Awarded Medal of Honor

WASHINGTON—Although American troops have been in action a year longer than those who fought in World War I and outnumber the AEF forces two to one, the Medal of Honor has been awarded to 40 men fighting in this war while 101 were awarded fighting men of 25 years ago.

The award itself goes back to Civil War days, but the present medal dates only from 1904 when Congress prescribed "a bronze star, 1-9/16 inches in diameter, surrounded by green laurel wreath, suspended from a bronze bar inscribed 'Valor,' surmounted by an eagle. In center of star, Minerva's head is surrounded by words, 'United States of America.' On each ray of the star is a green oak leaf. On the reverse side of the bar is engraved 'The Congress to—'"

Heroism Measured

Recipients' heroism is measured to a fine degree. Present regulations prescribe that "The Medal of Honor is awarded in the name of the Congress to each person who, while an officer, noncommissioned officer, or private in the Army, in action involving actual conflict with an enemy distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

Regulations further prescribe that "In order to justify an award of the Medal of Honor, the individual must perform in action a deed of personal bravery, of self-sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty, so conspicuous as clearly to distinguish him for gallantry and intrepidity above his comrades, involving the risk of life or the performance of more than ordinarily hazardous service, the commission of which would not justly subject him to censure as for shortcoming or failure in the performance of his duty. The recommendations for decoration will be judged by this standard of extraordinary merit, and incontestable proof of the performance of the service will be exacted."

A commissioned officer who knows of such an act of bravery may call it to the attention of the commanding officer of a field army. If this general, advised by a board of officers, decides the Congressional requirements have been met, he makes a recommendation to the Secretary of War for the award of the Medal of Honor. Though it is stipulated that the recipient shall be ordered to Washington whenever practical for presentation, the present custom of "handing out medals after the battle" makes it possible for many men to come home already wearing the Medal of Honor.

Navy Bill Passed Unanimously

WASHINGTON — The Naval Appropriations Bill for \$43,644,729,701—by far the largest in history—was passed unanimously by both House and Senate this week, with predictions that the mightiest fleet the world has ever known will be maintained as an aggression force after the present war.

The bill includes eight billions for new ship construction, two billions for new shore installations, \$6,200,000 for personnel and provisions for 24,000 additional airplanes and 20,000 more landing craft.

A breakdown of the following list alrmen hold Medals of Honor and of men who have earned the Medal one Engineer and one Field Artilleryman shows that 17 recipients are Infantrymen, while 17 more have been awarded to general officers of long with the Air Forces. Two Cav-

In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it,

You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter Parade.

I'll be all in clover, and when they look you over,

I'll be the proudest fellow in the Easter Parade.

On the avenue, Fifth Avenue, the photographers will snap us

And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure.

Oh, I could write a sonnet about your Easter bonnet

And of the girl I'm taking to the Easter Parade.

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(4) Home On the Range

Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam,
Where the deer and the antelope play;
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Chorus:
Home, home on the range,
Where the deer and the antelope play;
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.
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(5) California Here I Come

California, here I come,
Right back where I started from.
Where bowers of flowers bloom in the sun;
Each morning at dawning, birdies sing an' ev'rything.
A sunkist maid said "Don't be late,"
That's why I can hardly wait;
Open up that Golden Gate,
California here I come.
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(6) Besame Mucho

Besame, besame mucho;
Each time I cling to your kiss I hear music divine;
Besame mucho,
Hold me, my darling, and say that you'll always be mine.
This joy is something new, my arms enfolding you,
Never knew this thrill before;
Who ever thought I'd be holding you close to me,
Whispering "It's you I adore."
Dearest one, if you should leave me,
Each little dream would take wing and my life would be through;
Besame mucho; Love me forever and make all my dreams come true.
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(7) Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Take me out to the ball game, take me out with the crowd;
Buy me some peanuts and cracker-jack,
I don't care if I never get back.
Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win it's a shame,
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out
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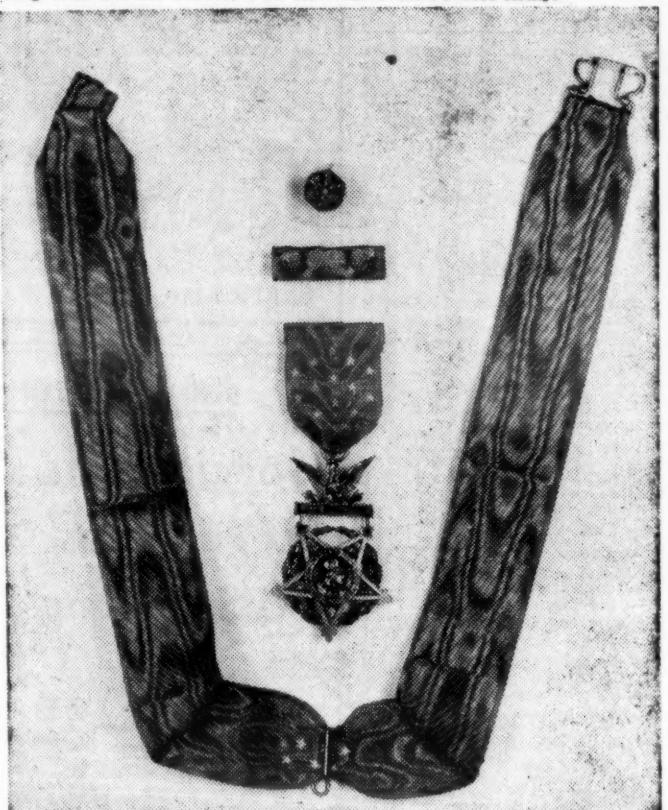
Capt. Glenn Miller, AAF, will be in line for a series of movies with his band when the war ends and he returns to civilian life as a band leader. Officials at 20th-Fox have been negotiating a seven-year contract which will become effective with his discharge from military service.

Xavier Cugat and his band, with Lina Romay, will be featured in MGM's forthcoming musical, "Holiday in Mexico". The film will be in technicolor.

Columbia has in production: "By Secret Command"; "The Impatient Years"; "Calling All Stars"; "America's Children"; "She's A Soldier Too"; "Louisiana Hayride"; "U-Boat Prisoner". "The Black Parachute" has just been released.

Twenty top correspondents now covering the European war will join Ernie Pyle in paying tribute to the foot-slogging infantry private for whom General Eisenhower asked "just a bit of glory", in "Story of G. I. Joe", movie version of the famous writer's best seller, "Her Famous Writer's Best Seller".

Thus far, Associated Press correspondents Hal Boyle and Don Whitehead have donned the greasepaint to read their lines, while Chris Cunningham, United Press, and Sgt. Jack Foisie, combat correspondent for "Stars and Stripes", will be next to arrive in Hollywood.



Name	Branch	Home	Campaign
2nd Lt. A. R. Nininger, Jr.	Infantry	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Bataan
PW Sgt. Jose Calugas	Field Artillery	Ft. Stotsenburg, Bataan	
PW 1st Lt. Willibald C. Bianchi	Infantry	New Ulm, Minn.	Bataan
Gen. Douglas MacArthur	U.S. Army	Little Rock, Ark.	Philippines
Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle	U.S. Army	Wash. D.C.	Tokyo Raid
M Capt. Harl Pease, Jr.	Air Corps	Plymouth, N.H.	Rabaul, N.E.
Brig. Gen. Wm. H. Wilbur	Air Corps	Highland Park, Ill.	N. Africa
Col. Pierpont M. Hamilton	Air Corps	New York, N.Y.	N. Africa
M Brig. Gen. K. N. Walker	U.S. Army	Glenelton, Cal.	Rabaul, N.B.
Col. Demas T. Craw	Air Corps	Charlottesville, Va.	N. Africa
T/5 Lewis Hall	Infantry	Columbus, Ohio	Guadalcanal
Sgt. William G. Fournier	Infantry	Winterport, Mont.	Guadalcanal
Ist Lt. Jack W. Mathis	Air Corps	San Angelo, Tex.	Europe
Sgt. Maynard H. Smith	Air Corps	Caro, Michigan	Europe
Maj. Charles W. Davis	Infantry	Mont. Ala.	Guadalcanal
1st Sgt. Elmer J. Burr	Infantry	Menasha, Wis.	Europe
Sgt. Kenneth E. Gruennert	Infantry	Buna, N.G.	Europe
Brig. Gen. L. W. Johnson	U.S. Army	Helenville, Wis.	Europe
Col. John R. Kane	Air Corps	Moline, Kan.	Guadalcanal
Maj. John L. Jerstad	Air Corps	Shreveport, La.	Europe
M Maj. Ralph Cheli	Air Corps	Racine, Wis.	Europe
Pvt. Joe P. Martinez	Infantry	Bethlehem, Pa.	Guadalcanal
1st Lt. David C. Waybur	Cavalry	Wewak, N.G.	Europe
Sgt. William L. Nelson	Infantry	Ault, Colo.	Guadalcanal
Pvt. James W. Reese	Air Corps	Attu, Aleut. Is.	Europe
2nd Lt. J. R. Sarnoski	Air Corps	Piedmont, Calif.	Sicily
Maj. Jay Zeamer, Jr.	Air Corps	Wilmington, Del.	Tunisia
M 2nd Lt. John C. Morgan	Air Corps	Chester, Pa.	Sicily
Pfc. Frank J. Petracca	Air Corps	Richmond, Va.	Solomon Is.
Pvt. Rodger W. Young	Air Corps	Orange, N.J.	Solomon Is.
Col. Neel E. Kearby	Air Corps	New York, N.Y.	Europe
2nd Lt. Gerry H. Kisters	Air Corps	Cleveland, O.	Europe
T/Sgt. Charles E. Kelly	Air Corps	Georgia Is.	Europe
Pvt. Junior N. Van Noy	Air Corps	San Antonio, Tex.	Europe
2nd Lt. Lloyd H. Hughes	Air Corps	Wewak, Ind.	Sicily
M Lt. Col. Addison E. Baker	Air Corps	Bloomington, Ind.	Sicily
Maj. Raymond H. Wilkins	Air Corps	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Italy
Pvt. Nicholas Minue	Air Corps	Preston, Idaho	New Guinea
Capt. Maurice L. Britt	Air Corps	San Antonio, Tex.	Europe
2nd Lt. Ernest Childers	Air Corps	Akron, Ohio	Europe
M—Missing in Action	PW—Prisoner of War	Columbia, N.C.	Rabaul, N.B.

M—Missing in Action *—Awarded Posthumously PW—Prisoner of War

Soldier Dates Cutie on Four-Bits

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—Stranded in Hollywood with exactly 90 cents, the return stub of a round-trip ticket and a date with a Beverly Hills cutie wholly ignorant of his financial status, one Eleventh Armored Division soldier came up with a tactician's solution which deserves to be preserved for posterity—and the guidance of other blank-pocketed G.I.s.

Touring Hollywood canteens, broadcast studios, USO's and other morale-building and ticket-dispensing agencies, Pvt. O. P. Gendelman of the 22d Tank Battalion handily handled the entertainment angle of his dilemma, ending up with a fistful of tickets to a musical show, a Frank Sinatra broadcast, a Culver City studio party and a sightseeing tour of the film city's movie lots.

"Eating heartily of canteen vitals," said Gendelman, "I felt fortified enough to hoof it out to the gal's Beverly Hills home. The sophisticated doll served me refreshments, both liquid and solid, and after explaining how I got my driver's medal, we left for Hollywood—busfare, 20 cents."

The question asked in the survey was:

"Do you think that men who are turned down by the Army because they are not physically fit for fighting, but who are able to work in war plants, should be taken into the Army and given jobs in order to free young men in war plants for combat service?"

the better part of a half hour explaining to her how impossible it was to nail a taxi on Saturday night. So we bussed it to Culver City, cost 30 cents. The party was a good deal. Plenty of fine music, plenty to eat and drink and bevy of beauties to gaze upon, then the return trip to Beverly Hills—this time in a friend's car.

"The gal proved to be intelligent, an accomplished dancer, a fine bridge player and a good wrestler," said the resourceful private. "It was great fun and I still had 40 cents for a short beer and the morning newspaper."

"But a GI needs at least \$1.20 to be on a comfortable margin in dating a Hollywood eyeful. Suppose she had been extravagant enough to ask for a sandwich and a cuppa coffee?"

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Sounds Horrible!

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Sgt. Harold Curran of Camp Blanding's 176th Station Hospital was in the hospital X-ray office one day recently when a maturish lady came in. "Have you ever been X-rayed before?" asks Curran. "No such," replies the dame, "but I've been ultra-violated several times."

Army Hit Kit

April Edition

(1) Easter Parade

In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it,

You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter Parade.

I'll be all in clover, and when they look you over,

I'll be the proudest fellow in the Easter Parade.

On the avenue, Fifth Avenue, the photographers will snap us

And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure.

Oh, I could write a sonnet about your Easter bonnet

And of the girl I'm taking to the Easter Parade.

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(4) Home On the Range

Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam,
Where the deer and the antelope play;

Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,

And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Chorus:

Home, home on the range,

Where the deer and the antelope play;

Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,

And the skies are not cloudy all day.

(5) California Here I Come

California, here I come,

Right back where I started from.

Where bowers of flowers bloom in the sun;

Each morning at dawning, birdies sing an' ev'rything.

A sunkist maid said "Don't be late,"

That's why I can hardly wait;

Open up that Golden Gate,

California here I come.

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(2) The Man On the Flying Trapeze

Once I was happy but now I'm forlorn,

Like an old coat that is tattered and torn,

Left in this wide world to weep and to mourn,

Betrayed by a maid in her teens.

Oh, this maid that I loved, she was handsome,

And I tried all I knew, her to please,

But I never could please her one quarter so well

As the man on the flying trapeze!

Oh!

Chorus:

He floats thro' the air with the greatest of ease,

The daring young man on the flying trapeze.

His actions are graceful, all girls he does please,

And my love he has stolen away.

2nd Verse:

He'd play with a miss like a cat with a mouse.

His eyes would undress ev'ry maid in the house,

Perhaps he is better described as a loose,

But still people came just the same

He'd smile from the bar on the people below,

And one night he smiled on my love;

She blew him a kiss and she hollered "Bravo!"

As he hung by his nose up above!

Oh!

3rd Verse:

One night to his

Column Of Poets

Ode on the Fickle Dame

A soldier named Pete,
Who was very discreet,
Decided against a war wedding;
His girl said she'd wait,
Keep open the date,
Invest in War Bonds and new bedding.

Fairly bursting with pride
In his soon-to-be bride,
Pete shipped to a far distant atoll;
Though tempted by Lulus
Executing neat hulas
He conserved all his strength for
the battle.

Now back in the states
Pete's fiance waits
For the mail that's a month old or
more
She fidgets and frets
Patriotically pets
At the dances she attends by the
score.

On scented blue paper
No bets to escape her,
She pens a delicate line:
"Pete, Dearest, my hero,
I feel lost to a Zero—
Incidentally, I'm married and fine.

"Please send back my picture;
There must be no mixture
Of thoughts of me there on your
isle;
I know 'twill depress you
To thus dispossess you,
But you must bear this with a
smile!"

Now Pete's state of mind
On receiving this, signed
By his loved one, now Mrs. O'Sna-
fool
Was scarcely conducive
To love, for abusive
He grew incredibly wrathful.

Pete collected his quotas
Of love notes and photos
For return as his girl had requested;
But the fellows pitched in
With a chuckle and grin,
And the parcel grew somewhat con-
gested.

There were pictures by bales,
Sweet young things caught in gales,
With the wind going whoosh where
it shouldn't;
Twenty piles to a heap,
There were lovelies ten deep,
And to choose ONE, one certainly
couldn't.

No wedding surprise
From the Isle Paradise,
No lament from the lover she har-
rased.
One wondering query
Put thusly, "Now, dearie,
I'm frightfully sorry, embarrassed!

Truth is I've forgot
Whether you're sweet or sot,
Whether blonde, brunette, or a red-
head;
So if you'll eschew
Those which are not you
And return them, I'll be most in-
debted."

LBM
Troop Courier,
Sedalia - Warrensburg, Mo.

In the Movies They Do It

When single-handed, Alan Ladd
Slays twenty thousand Japs
And Robert Taylor, fighting mad,
Shoots Japs like shooting craps;
When Tyrone Power submarines
The mighty Nippon fleet;
And Jackie Cooper, in his teens,
Makes thousands more retreat;
When Errol Flynn downs eighty
Huns (where does he get the time?)
And Humphrey Bogart's blazing guns
Kill dozens, for a dime;
When Rommel's army falls before
The guile of Franchot Tone
And Wallace Beery fights the war
Unaided and alone;
When Berlin's wrecked by Mischa
Auer
And Zanuck's captured Rome,
Why don't you, General Eisenhower,
Just send our Army home?

The Hot Compress,
Swannanoa, N. C.
130th General Hospital

Slick, Chick!

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—"Hep Joes" of the 11th Armored Division need no longer punish their "jitterbug janes" with hob-nailed "icky" GI footwear—solid sending in soles, sleek slippers is now stamped "satisfactory."

Interpretation: Low-quarter "civilians" shoes have been placed on the list of "approved" articles of clothing for after-duty-hours wear by men of the 11th Armored. The shoes may be worn only with the Class "A" uniform, and only when the enlisted man is not on duty.

The same rule made mandatory the wearing of cotton, khaki-colored shirts with the "A" uniform.



AT A DINNER celebrating an AAF unit's 100th mission over Europe Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz signs a short snorter bill for Lt. Gen. James Doolittle. —Signal Corps Photo.

Boy Can Wear Service Cross, Purple Heart to Draft Board

FORT WAYNE, Ind.—Holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and 15 infantry medals for expert marksmanship is the unusual record of an 18 year old boy in Fort Wayne, Ind. During his two years' service with the Marines he has participated in five major naval engagements and has seen service in no less than 10 different countries.

Quite an achievement for a youngster, who has just reached the draft age and one most any boy would be proud of.

Estel Dunn enlisted in June, 1941, soon after his 16th birthday. It was during his early training that he won his marksmanship medals. In October, but three months after he donned his uniform, he was assigned to active duty. His big moment came with the invasion of North Africa, when he participated in five major naval engagements in November of 1942. It was during one of these engagements that he performed the act of outstanding duty which won him the Distinguished Service Cross. He and another buddy manned a five-inch battery alone—a job which ordinarily requires ten or twelve men.

After naval resistance of the enemy in North Africa had begun to die down, a call was issued for 72 volunteers to go ashore, and Estel was one of those who offered to go. For this act of heroism he was awarded the Silver Star.

And then one day a sixteen-inch battery shell came along which had Estel's name written on it, and he was wounded by shrapnel as it exploded. First he was hospitalized aboard a cruiser and was then transferred to a land hospital at Norfolk, Virginia. He was awarded the Purple Heart. In April of 1943 he re-

ceived his honorable discharge for disability.

During his career with the Marines he served in Canada, Cuba, Trinidad, South America, North Africa, Mexico, England, Scotland, Ireland and Bermuda.

Estel can't fight any more but he's still in the war. Instead of resting on his laurels, as some boys might have done, he secured a job in General Electric's Fort Wayne plant.

Following his discharge, Boyd went home to Ireland for a month,

Kansas Links 4 Stars and GI

LONDON—"Dear Thorpe," the letter read. "I'm delighted that, as a fellow citizen of Abilene, Kansas, you called at my office to see me today." It was signed Dwight D. Eisenhower and sounded as if the general were apologizing to caller whom he had missed; actually it was to prove to the young Air Force mechanic's buddies that he, Pvt. Walter J. Thorpe, had spent 20 minutes chatting with his commanding officer.

Private Thorpe had met the general once before when he was working on his brother's farm in Kansas, so he calmly went to headquarters and told a barrel-chested MP, "I'd like to see the General if he's not too busy."

Ten minutes later General Eisenhower stepped out of his office and with a broad smile said, "So you're from Abilene? Come on in."

Still later Thorpe recalled to his buddies that they talked about Kansas wheat and farm work they knew in Abilene. The General asked him how he liked the Army, how long he'd been in it, and long he'd been in Northern Ireland.

"Then I thought about those guys in my hut and I asked the General whether he'd write something to prove I actually had seen the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces."

Maneuvers Nearing End at Barkeley

CAMP BARKELEY, Texas—The first large scale movement of 12th Armored Division units to the field since Tennessee maneuvers last fall is nearing completion on the Camp Barkeley reservation.

Through a system of rotation, approximately two-thirds of the division has been in the field since the work began March 27, although no unit has remained longer than a two-week period.

The infantry battalions led the way, followed by the tankers and the field artillerymen. Elements of the ordnance, reconnaissance, engineers and medical units accompanied each of the groups to complete the coordination of activity under the combat commands.

Star Spangled Banter



Sgt. Bill Mauldin, 45th Division

'Queueing Up' or 'Chow Line' T-5 Boyd Knows the Answers

With An Armored Unit, Somewhere In England—There is one member of this GI armored unit who knew the meaning of "queueing up" long before he learned what a "chow line" was. (A "queue," for the benefit of non ETO Joes, is the British way of saying a "line.")

He is T-5 William R. Boyd, 34, New York City, who prior to his induction into the American Army had served three years with the Irish Guards at Buckingham Palace, London, under Col. Harold G. Alexander, now one of the most famous British generals.

Boyd was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, and enlisted in the Irish Guards in April of 1928 at the age of 18.

Two days after his enlistment, he was transferred to the Guards depot at Caterham, Surrey, England, where he underwent six months of rigorous training.

Buckingham Palace

Following completion of his basic training, Boyd was assigned to the Irish Guards at Buckingham Palace, where he remained for a year and was then transferred to Chelsea Barracks, also in London, where he continued his duties until his discharge in 1931.

Among his duties as a member of these guards was to guard St. James Palace, the home of the Prince of Wales, and also the Bank of England.

During his enlistment he was elevated to the rank of corporal and had an enviable record not only with the various arms of the Irish Guard, but in such sports events as the 100 and 220 yard dash and the running broadjump. In the latter, he held the record for his regiment with a jump of 22 feet, 8 inches.

Following his discharge, Boyd went home to Ireland for a month,

then came to the United States, settling in New York. For the next three years he continued his guard work, serving as a bodyguard for the Lawrence Rockefeller family, son of John D.

He then obtained a position at the National City Bank of New York, serving in various capacities in the office. Here he remained until his induction into the American Army in April of 1942.

Boyd is anxious to look up some of the members of his old regiment, who since the war fought strong rear guard action at the now famous evacuation at Dunkirk.

He is also anxious to see his family, consisting of his mother, father, two brothers and a sister, who still reside in Ireland.

B-24's Produced At One-an-Hour Rate

DETROIT—The Ford-operated Willow Run bomber plant has reached a long-sought goal and is now producing about one of the four-engined Liberators every hour.

The tremendous plant was designed to produce B-24's at a one-an-hour rate. A number of production difficulties were eliminated when the management decided to farm out a large part of the sub-assembly work.

The planes produced on an hourly basis include both knock-down and fly-away jobs. It was not disclosed how many hours a day the plant operates but a War Department announcement indicated that more than 3,000 of the bombers had been produced at Willow Run.

Finance Director Back from Africa

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Lt. Col. Ralph R. White of Atlanta, Ga., who won the Legion of Merit for his Army finance work in the Near East and Africa, has assumed duties as ASF Fiscal Director, ASF Service Command Headquarters announced today.

Colonel White also was a Finance Officer at the Cairo Conference, and personally exchanged currency for Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek. He also met Haile Selassie while working on finance matters in Ethiopia and while there met the Duke of Gloucester, brother of King George VI.

He has flown the Atlantic four times and has collected one of the longest Short-Snorter bills on record, consisting of 47 different bills. His citation for the Legion of Merit included the fact that he had made "hazardous air trips to establish banking facilities."

Chow for Mosquitoes Not on TO

FORT MCPHERSON, Ga.—The tables of organization for the Nineteenth General Medical Laboratory at Fort McPherson, Ga., don't call for a "mosquito feeder," but that's one of the duties of the unit.

Once or twice a day, a volunteer officer or enlisted man thrusts his forearm into the wire-covered mosquito box for about ten minutes while mosquitos of the Aedes Aegypti clan tank up on his blood. There is no pain—just a ticklish feeling.

Like everything else, captive mosquitoes must have nourishment to stay alive. These mosquitoes are used for experimental purposes, in testing mosquito repellents for American soldiers who must fight in tropical climates.

Only the females take part in this feast. The males poke their stingers into pieces of apple and quaff the apple juice.

Volunteer laboratory feeders also donate blood to bed bugs. The mouth of a small bottle containing the bugs is pressed against a G. I. forearm and the bugs help themselves to good healthy blood.



A WOUNDED American soldier on Bougainville is placed atop a jeep which has been converted into an open air ambulance. Jap sniper fire covered the road pictured during most of the operations on Hill 700.

—U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo



ALIVE, despite the bullets and grenades the Yanks shot and lobbed at him, this terrified Jap crouches in his foxhole on Hill 700, Bougainville.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Nuts to Hotel Suite, Kelly Says

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The walks on either side of Pittsburgh's Shawano Street were lined with people, 5,000 of them, waiting for Sgt. Charles E. "Commando" Kelly to come home. When at last the car carrying "Commando," his mother and six service brothers made its way down the street, neighbors greeted him as they had before he became a hero, with "Hya Chuck" and "Welcome, Charley."

Unimpressed, Sergeant Kelly laughed and waved at them as he climbed from the car, then helped his mother to the street and up the worn stairs to their small apartment whose living room was jampacked with relatives and close family friends. The crowd wasn't satisfied though. Finally police had to beg the hero sergeant to "stick your head out of the window, please, so these people will go home."

"Commando" and his family came straight from the airport to Shawano Street after the sergeant had firmly turned down the big hotel suite fixed for him by a city committee. "I'm glad to be home and I hope I can stay a long time," he said holding "Mom" close with one husky arm.

"Mom," slight, deaf, and with failing sight wore a perpetual smile that widened as the crowd heaped praise on her son. She didn't seem to mind too much the prospect of his going back to the front, "Charley will go back as soon as he learns how to fight the Japs," she said.

Sergeant Kelly's brothers admitted being more than proud of his accomplishments, too, but refused to be overawed. They pulled him around, mussed his hair and in general mauled him.

Charles' first thought for his fam-

ily was financial, "How are you all fixed for money?" he asked. When his brothers tried to laugh his question off, the one-man Army pulled a roll of bills from his pocket and explained that he'd almost not had any himself. He'd lost his entire fortune in a crap game shortly before he left Italy, but luckily the fellows had come through and paid what they'd owed him from way back, so now he could give \$10 to each of his brothers in the services, and \$2 to each of the two brothers still too young to go to war.

Nearly Real Thing

CAMP COOKE, Cal.—Invasion forces had established a beachhead at San Luis Obispo and were in a defensive position on the north bank of the Santa Maria river; American troops moved north to a line opposing the Jap forces, but Camp Cooke itself was so heavily bombed that the "division" commander ordered service troops to leave and establish themselves south of Casmalia.

Squadrons of planes swooped over the troops moving into the field. Some of the planes were friendly, were recognized and signaled; enemy planes scattered convoys, and were in turn tracked as the troops crawled out of their hiding places.

It could have happened here, or the attack could have been in Italy, or on an island in the South Pacific. Actually it was a part of the problems given to five Camp Cooke units to test their ability to recognize aircraft. Test 1, in the field camp, had consisted of identifying pictured American aircraft; Test 2 was composed of attacking and observations by friendly and enemy planes. Test 3 Ground Forces were told to follow plane signals on the march, in bivouac and when performing their primary missions.

Live Chaplain Worth More Than Several Dead Heroes

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—A chaplain's work in combat is principally with casualties, Chaplain Harold E. Bottemiller, who recently returned from duty with combat troops in the Aleutian region, told the Eleventh Armored Division's chaplains this week.

"A live chaplain," said Major Bottemiller, who is now attached to the 22d Replacement Depot at Camp Cooke, "is worth much more than several dead heroes. Above all, be with the wounded and the dying—and be available to bury your own men," the combat veteran told the Eleventh religious officers.

Chaplain Bottemiller, who had as his guest for several days while in the Aleutians Father Hubbard,

known the world over as "the Glacier Priest," advised the Division chaplains to "get all your affairs straightened out now—get your family among friends, and be ready, when you reach a battle area, to think of nothing else other than the welfare and religious support of your men."

Col. Wesley W. Yale, the Eleventh Armored's chief of staff, who attended the chaplain's meeting, told them "I consider the chaplain a 'barometer' of the morale of the men in his unit." He advised them to consider carefully, after the religious needs of the men have been satisfied, morale conditions within their units and, when corrective measures seem justified and possible, to report the matters.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

T/5 Homer Hales of Service Company at FORT BENNING, Ga., had his first date with a WAC the other day. It turned out that the WAC was a sergeant who proceeded to pull rank on him, until . . . For instance, when they went to eat the WAC friend told Hales what he should order and how many lumps of sugar he might have in his coffee. The whole evening went along on that basis until they came to say goodnight, when the WAC said: "You may kiss me twice and each kiss will last exactly 13½ seconds." Hales proceeded as ordered for the first one, and then came a suggestion, rather than an order, "Let's forget rank," the soldier maiden sighed, "and proceed."

It was turning dark when Pvt. Peter P. Federo, Jr., of the Eighth Regiment at CAMP CROWDER, Mo. returned to the tent area after a hard day's field training, looking forward to a good rest and sleep. He went to the spot where his tent should have been. But no tent. The day before he had been ordered to camouflage his tent which he did, using branches, leaves and foliage. Evidently he had done a good job since it took him all of 15 minutes to find his camouflaged tent.

Needing some dental work Pfc. Louis Mucci, 577th MP Escort Guard Co., at CAMP ATTENBERY, Ind.,

went to the dental clinic in the post hospital wondering if by any chance he would find a gentle dentist like Dr. Nicholas DiButetto, who had cared for him at his home back in Brooklyn. A bit fearfully he sat down in the chair, and then looked up to see—Lt. Nicholas DiButetto, getting ready to work on him.

Joe Sobak, 11-year son of Lt. A. J. Sobek, was painstakingly rummaging among the books of the post library at FORT SHERIDAN, Ill. When he went to the librarian's desk to fill out the withdrawal form the surprised lady asked: "Are you sure this is the book you want?" "Why, yes," answered Joe. "It isn't for me but some folks down the street are going to need it soon and I thought I'd get it for them." The title was: "Healthy babies are happy babies."

Cpl. Frank Marrs, of the Headquarters staff at SPENCE FIELD, Ga., has a new recipe for tiredness. He goes to pretty Irma Phillips, his co-worker, and pinches her cheek. After that, he says, no matter how tired he is, he is able to take on anything anybody gives him to do.

Some of the men from Capt. Ellis F. Rush's company at an Army installation in the HAWAIIAN ISLANDS were having fun on a boat ride when T/Sgt. Eddie Szczypanski fell overboard. He threshed around, fumbling with his clothing, till his buddies grabbed him as he was going under. As they started to administer first-aid one of them asked: "I know darn well you can swim. Why weren't you doing it?" "Oh," explained the TS, "I had something in my pocket I wanted to get before I got waterlogged. It was my Red Cross Expert Swimmer certificate."

Speaking of contests, the boys of Company A, 138th Ordnance at CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky., have staged an out-of-the-ordinary one. This was for who in the outfit would be most eligible to carry the title "Super Atlas Maidenswoon." The race has been narrowed to three, T/4 George Moor, S/Sgt. Leo Fregia and T/5 Leonard (Pop) Levy.

Champion Chowhound of MACDILL FIELD, Fla., with some to spare, is Pfc. Chester M. Miller, of the 842nd Squadron. It's a matter of record that in a test of his capacity the base hospital fed him a meal of: One fourteen pound turkey, one full-sized loaf of bread, four pounds of potatoes, large quantities of three other vegetables, half a pie, one quart of milk. With the exception of one turkey leg, which he carried away with him, Miller got away with the full meal. Chet says that eating back home was never a problem since he could always pick up a meal by betting that he could eat 20 hard boiled eggs and a loaf of bread at one sitting.

Regards to Mrs.

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—Married in Brooklyn, N. Y., while home on furlough, S/Sgt. Frank J. Aiello of Co. D, the Eleventh Armored Division's 22d Tank Battalion, wired his commanding officer for an extension of furlough line.

"Got married. Need three day extension. Can you solve this problem?"

"Weddings are nice. Furloughs are too. Dawn will come on the 21st, and so will you. Consider your problem solved. Regards to Mrs. Aiello."

PWs Believe in Der Vaterland

FORT DIX, N.J.—"Who Will Win the War?" To Allied minds, the question is no longer who, but when. But to the German prisoners-of-war, former members of Rommel's Afrika Korps, interned here, the answer is posted on one of their barracks walls: "Germany!"

Though they read daily in the New York papers and in the German language papers published in this country of the RAF and AA hammering of Berlin and other targets in Fortress Europe, they do not believe it. To them, it's pure propaganda. At the same time, they have the firmly established conviction that New York and other American cities are a shambles from aerial attacks of the Luftwaffe.

One reason for these beliefs might be found in the huge quantities of mail, and the packages they receive from home. Though outgoing mail is limited, as many as 2,500 letters a day are received by the prisoners. Every other week packages from home arrive, usually containing chocolates, salt water taffy, cookies, swiback, soap, and combs. Those from wealthier families contain cube sugar, canned sausages, borst and home-canned cherries.

Though he sticks fast to his belief in Der Vaterland, Fritz's arrogance is gradually disappearing,

says Lt. Col. G. McKinley Tiresch, commander of the PW camp. "When they first arrived here," he said, "they seemed to like to give our officers only the Nazi salute. Gradually more and more each week they are exchanging salutes with our officers in the American fashion."

Worn Dog Tags

CAMP DAVIS, N.C.—Probably no soldier in Camp Davis uses his dog tags as often as Pvt. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. When a new acquaintance learns his name, he'll say, "Quit your kidding," and remain unconvinced until he sees Private Holmes' dog tags as proof.

"Junior," as his buddies call him, is a fifth cousin of the American poet, and carries on the tradition of the author of the well known poem, "The Wonderful One-Horse Shay," by writing poetry himself. While in high school at Syracuse, N.Y., the nineteen-year-old soldier wrote poetry for the school paper and also for intermissions in school plays. Needless to say, the first Oliver Wendell Holmes is his favorite poet.

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SOLDIER SHOWS

"Gives me a thousand men who are entertained, rather than ten thousand who have no entertainment." Gen. John J. Pershing.

In this column the entertainment section of the Special Services Division contributes items on soldier shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in these items you may find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

SHADES OF ROBERT W. SERVICE
NORTHWEST SERVICE COMMAND — That most famous of all Yukon poets, Robert W. Service, used to describe the Arctic night as "long and cold," and he was undoubtedly right. However, the GI entertainers of the Northwest Service Command are seeing to it that evenings fly by for the soldiers in that icicle theatre of operations. Frosty Follies of '44' is the title of the revue that is now being toured and shown to enthusiastic audiences in several Alaskan installations. With the exception of four gavels furnished by the USO to lend a hand on the distaff side, the cast is completely GI. The show is replete with good musical comedy skits, and monologues; and the five-man pit band does a beautiful job handling the score — a combination of pop tunes of the day plus three original and topical numbers: "Song of The Highway," "Once Again," and "Some Day." The aforementioned USOettes are well received by the GI's, but the show's popularity stems mainly from its fast pace, variety, and lampooning of the everyday doings in the frozen northwest. Only five members of the audience at the show's premiere expressed a desire to see nothing but a girlie show — when the M.C. opened the show with a real's announcement that the twelve USO girls hadn't shown up and as a consequence Bingo would be played, this quintet of timber wolves immediately left the theatre. Thus did they enjoy two hours of grand entertainment enjoyed no end by all the other girls who weren't taken in by the USO's attempted hoax.

ORIENT ORIENTATION

AAPTTC, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT — The current trend toward hypoing Orientalism Programs by means of dramatization is being followed at Yale University with encouraging results. Old Elly's halls are the scene of lectures that teach and entertain at the same time. So you know how to tell a Jap from a Chinese ally? Do you want to know what's going on behind a Nip's Oriental deadpan? Everyman stationed at the New Haven post is meeting a Jap soldier and learning what makes him tick at dramatic Orientation periods featuring GI actors, music, and slides designed to help him know his enemy. All movies have been shelved for two weeks, and the drama show will fill hour-long sessions for the next two schooling periods. Intelligence reports and battlefield information aimed to inform, not to flame, soldier listeners will give straight facts about Japanese thinking and fighting. Novel and unusual items about the Sons of Heaven are summed into the fast-moving script.

OVER THERE

SOMEWHERE DOWN UNDER — The counterpart of a real Broadway night was occasioned by the showing of "The Wrong Pvt. Wright" in a "Down Under" theater about a month ago. Newspapermen from the AP, the UP, and the Chicago Tribune were on hand to cover the GI show. SRO signs were up, the hero received a bouquet of flowers, and the producer was hauled onto the stage for plaudits and bravos!" at the final curtain. The audience walked out humming a haunting song called "Sometime," and the Aussies are still laughing at the skits which were highlighted by the gripes, groans, and gags especially peculiar to Australian-based GIs. Cracks were taken at Army wives and at Army officers — like the man who proposed solving all post-war problems by putting a law through Congress for a permanent demobilization. One number was devoted to satire on the latest news from GHQ. This bit ended up with a red-hot tip that came from a sergeant who was driving a major who'd lunched with a general who was talking to a general. And the general couldn't say a word of it because he'd said it straight from a Pfc! All in all, "The Wrong Pvt. Wright" proved to be (in the words of one scribe) better than George Abbott but a smash of the season."

THE INDICATION of serious food shortages in Germany recall a statement made early in the war by Hermann Goering that the rest of Europe might starve but that Germans would eat no matter what happened.

What's Wrong With This Picture?



Even an infantry division can't move without its gasoline. Here is a Class III dump, and the trucks are exchanging their empty cans for full ones. The men have made some serious errors. Can you find them before checking the answers on this page?

AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF — Rapid and heroic action in repelling an enemy tank attack in Sicily won the nation's second highest military award, the Distinguished Service Cross, for Maj. Bryce F. Denno assigned to the G-3 Section at Headquarters, Army Ground Forces.

Major Denno was presented the award by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, at a ceremony this week which was attended by a number of officers at headquarters.

Two new officers reported at headquarters this week for permanent duty. They are Col. Joseph K. Bush, INF, G-3 Section, and Capt. Laurence L. Buck, SIG C, Ground Signal Section.

Award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges for his organization and expansion of the replacement training centers and schools of the Army Ground Forces was announced this week.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI AIRCRAFT COMMAND — Brig. Gen. Clarence H. Schabacker, GSC, assistant chief of staff, G-3, Antiaircraft Command, accompanied by Maj. Vernon E. Harvey, CAC, and Maj. James B. Glover, CAC, visited the Airborne Center, Camp Mackall, N.C., last week in connection with airborne training.

Col. Donald V. Webber, CAC; Maj. W. Craig Boyce, CAC; Maj. Henry Von Kolnitz, CAC, and Capt. William A. Ackerman, AC, members of the inspection division, G-3 Section at Headquarters, Antiaircraft Command in Richmond, Va., have been relieved from assignment to duty there. Lt. Col. Webber has been assigned to command an AAA battalion and Maj. Boyce, Maj. Von Kolnitz and Capt. Ackerman have been detailed to attend advanced courses at the AAA School, Camp Davis, N.C.

Lt. Col. K. C. Smith, CAC, who formerly served at the Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center, Camp Edwards, Mass., has been assigned to duty in the G-3 Section at Headquarters, Antiaircraft Command.

CAVALRY SCHOOL — Col. Raymond W. Curtis, director of training at the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kan., since June 26, 1943, has left for a new assignment. Colonel Curtis was a member of the United States Olympic equestrian team in 1932 and 1936, and has served several tours of duty as a Cavalry School instructor. He was an observer in the North African theater for six weeks last year.

Maj. George T. Pitts, Jr., of the Cavalry School staff and faculty has been notified of the presidential citation awarded the American Division, with which he served when it was in action on Guadalcanal. A ribbon bar with star is authorized.

Lt. Col. Edward H. Jacobsen, until recently commanding officer of the 2nd Cavalry School Detachment, has left for an overseas station.

Capt. George P. Taylor has been released from the Cavalry School staff and faculty and assigned to an engineers unit at Camp Robinson, Ark.

ARMORED CENTER — Headquarters of the 11th Armored Division has announced the appointment of Col. Wesley W. Yale as chief of staff. Colonel Yale, a graduate of West Point, class of 1922, and former commander of Combat Command "B" of the 8th Armored Division, succeeds Col. Charles D. Palmer, who has been transferred to a new assignment.

Colonel Willard A. Holbrook has assumed the duties of commander of Combat Command "A" of the 11th Armored Division, succeeding Brig. Gen. Charles S. Kilburn, recently appointed commanding general of the 11th.

Lt. Col. Robert G. Lowe has assumed command of the 11th Armored Division Trains, succeeding Col. Lowe, a graduate of West Point, class of 1927, has been assigned to the 11th Armored Division since its activation.

Headquarters of the 20th Armored Division has announced that Col. S. S. Koszewski, Division Trains commander, has been transferred to Headquarters, Army Ground Forces and will soon take up his new post at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Lt. Col. Val. Hakanson will succeed Colonel Koszewski as Division Trains Commander.

Maj. Edwin H. Moore has assumed new duties as 20th Armored Division ordnance officer and commanding officer of the 138th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion. Major Moore has been with the division

since its activation.

INFANTRY SCHOOL — New additions to the Infantry School include Col. Oscar R. Johnston, Capt. Donald F. Cothram and 2nd Lt. Harry C. Price, Jr., assigned to the Secretary's Office; Lt. Col. Lyle Bernard, Lt. Col. James B. Leer and Capt. Clarence R. Neher, assigned to the Tactical Section; Maj. George Cullison, Capt. Willard L. Lambertus and Capt. Walter L. Shealy, assigned to the Communications Section; Capt. Robert T. Brooks and 2nd Lt. Robert E. Grable, assigned to the General Section; 2nd Lt. Stephen T. Early, Jr., Frank P. Billingsley, Edward J. Brown, Samuel W. Curry, Jr., Alan A. Dunlap, Jr., Neil E. Funk, Jr., Frank Hickman, Warren W. Lewis and Charles P. Walker assigned to the Weapons Section. Transferred to assignments at new stations are Col. Temple G. Holland of the Secretary's Office; Capt. Wendell W. Collicott and Capt. William J. Finch of the Weapons Section and 1st Lt. Karyl M. Van Benthuysen of the Training Literature Section.

The first group of former Coast Artillery Antiaircraft officers assigned to the Infantry School for a special eight weeks basic course to prepare them for assignment to Infantry units, was graduated this week. Fifty of the officers qualified as experts or sharpshooters with the M-1.

The British Distinguished Service Order was pinned on Lt. Col. Lyle W. Bernard of the Tactical Section of the Infantry School by Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, commandant, this week. He was wounded at Anzio, received the Purple Heart and previously was decorated with the Silver Star.

Trouble in Reich When City Folk and Peasants Won't Mix

BERNE, Switzerland — Reports coming in from Germany note that the attempts made by the Nazis to throw disharmony into the ranks of the Allies have become a boomerang and are coming home to roost.

While the Nazis have tried to play the French against the British, the British against the Americans, Russians against the Americans and British and non-Jews against Jews, they have tried to foster more harmonious relations in Germany and other Nazi countries between the peasants and city folk. Following this idea thousands of young city folk have been sent to the country to help the peasants get in their crops.

Few Men on Farms

The German farms are now run chiefly by women, boys and older men. 80 per cent have no able-bodied German male, except Poles or Ukrainians who have been brought in, and of whom the German women are

afraid. Again, to ease the pressure on bombed-out cities, thousands of women have been sent out to the farms.

The peasants, naturally, look for work from the people who are quartered with them and hence frown on taking any mothers with children. Again, the peasants are dissatisfied with the efforts of the city folk who are naturally not familiar with farm work. In many cases the relations have become so strained that the authorities have had to force the peasants to take in the city people.

The average age of the prisoners at Devens is 29. About a quarter of them speak English. A third are Protestant, a half Catholic, while the other sixth profess no religion. Soccer is their favorite sport, and chess and cards their favorite indoor recreation.

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Tommy Sacrifices Arm For Yankee Mates

By SGT. FRED W. WELTY
Fifth Army Field Correspondent

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy — The hero of an American tank destroyer battalion of the Fifth Army is a young, blond-headed British sergeant, whose right arm was shot away while attempting to save the lives of his five "Yankee mates."

The five Americans, crewmen of a tank destroyer fighting with the

British infantry, are veterans of battles all through Tunisia, Italy and once camped in England for three months. The British sergeant is considered a member of this crew, because of his close companionship with the Americans.

It was 10 o'clock of a moonlight night on the Anzio beachhead front when the Tommy demonstrated his friendship.

"The Germans threw everything they had at night," related Sgt. Charles G. Wilson, Buffalo, N. Y. "Our M-10 tank destroyer was bracketed by mortar shells and then caught a direct hit from a German 88. We stumbled through the hatch and crawled on our hands and knees to a ditch about 50 yards away."

"None of us was killed or injured — it was a miracle!" exclaimed Pvt. Perry L. Brock, Flint, Mich. "We just hugged the ditch and thanked God we were alive. The shells were exploding all around us."

"Then suddenly we saw him — our Tommy," said Cpl. Gus Paulsen, Beaufort, S. C. "He crawled from his foxhole through the black clouds of smoke and nightmare explosions."

"We shouted at Tommy, but he never heard our warnings," added Pvt. Talmadge Harrison, Center Hill, Fla. "He crawled closer to our knocked out destroyer."

"Then he searched all through it," continued the fifth crewman, Pfc. Arcand Coache, Burlington, Vt. "When Tommy discovered it empty, he headed back toward his foxhole."

But too late!

An artillery shell exploded by the sergeant, tearing away his right arm. He was knocked unconscious and never reached his foxhole.

"It was our turn to advance under shellfire," said Sergeant Wilson. "We evacuated Tommy to an aid station, where he was treated, and taken to a hospital. We thought he'd never live through it. He would have bled to death, without immediate treatment. He didn't have to leave his foxhole."

German Barrage 'Honors' 45th Division Soldier

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY — One soldier's who's had the doubtful honor of being the target of a special Nazi barrage of tank, artillery and small arms fire is Pfc. Michael A. Smar, 45th Division communications man.

It all happened on February 18 when Nazi infantrymen, protected by a heavy artillery barrage, were making an all-out thrust through Yank lines. Mortar crews were hard put to fend them off and suddenly the OP man directing fire called out that there was a break in the telephone wire; the radio had been dead for some time.

Asking his platoon leader to release him to toll a new line, Private Smar crawled out under already heavy fire. Jerry, apparently burned up at the sight of a soldier stringing wire under the very noses of his big guns, turned them on Smar. He'll never know how he managed to crawl through that barrage with a whole skin, but he knew he had when, after endless minutes, he heard an officer exclaim over the phone, "Son, whoever you are, you're a godsend."

Fast As—Lightning

A UNITED STATES FIGHTER BASE, England — Planes were being identified by a class in aircraft recognition as they were flashed on a screen from lantern slides.

Something went wrong in the projector and a blank appeared on the screen.

Promptly came a voice from the back of the room: "It's a P-38 Lightning. Fast, aren't they?"

Picture Puzzle Answers

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Mairzy Thrills Wounded Soldiers

WASHINGTON — "Mairzy Doats" was the biggest surprise and a glass of "frozen milk" the biggest thrill that wounded soldiers had on their way home aboard the U. S. Army Hospital Ship Chateau Thierry which docked recently at the Charleston Port of Embarkation. The milk—ordinary cow's milk—frozen solid by a special process was transported to Africa aboard the vessel.

When the ship took on its load of patients several weeks ago at Bleret and Oran, the men asked hundreds of questions of the Medical Corps personnel and the Transportation Corps crew, all of whom were direct from the United States. They wanted to know about new popular songs. Many of them had not been home in nearly two years. Some had heard of "Mairzy Doats" in letters, and all expressed curiosity about the piece when they heard its name. After the ship was underway, an Army V-disc phonograph record of the song was played over the ship's public address system, and the music went through every ward. The result, as reported by the ship's adjutant, was amazing.

The frozen milk, after it was thawed to a liquid and served chilled, was greeted with a tremendous ovation. Every one of the hundreds of patients aboard got one glass full, and the remaining supply was limited to those who were underweight or on a diet. It was the first glass of milk many of the men had had in months.

The medical officer in command said the milk, which was homogenized, kept fresh in some cases eight days after it had been thawed. Four weeks after it was frozen the liquid was thawed, and it was found that it was as fresh as ever with no increase in the bacteria count. The milk is kept in regular ten-gallon cans. The container is filled to the nine-gallon mark, leaving space for expansion when frozen, and then placed in a quick-freezing apparatus such as is used to freeze vegetables.

This is the first trip the Chateau Thierry has made as a hospital ship in this war. It is a former Army transport with a long record of service. Constructed in 1920, it recently was converted into a hos-

pital ship at a cost of about \$2,000,000. During peace time it was operated by the Army between New York and the Panama Canal Zone. It has also made trips to Hawaii and other destinations. The vessel carried American troops to Greenland in mid-1941 to construct a base there.

The conversion of the vessel into

a hospital ship took place at Boston. Its interior was completely remodeled, and it was equipped, in effect, as a floating general hospital. The ship's armament was removed, the hull was painted white with a horizontal green band around its whole length on both sides, and huge red crosses were painted conspicuously on its funnel, top deck and sides.



TOJO, mascot for the past year of the Rangers, takes a doughnut from Red Cross Clubmobile Girl Margaret Busby somewhere in Italy and then hangs around for a short chat. Tojo joined his outfit while it was in Africa.

—Photo from Red Cross.

Books, Pictures Okayed for PWs In This Country

WASHINGTON—Regulations permitting prisoners of war in this country to receive books and to send photographs to friends and relatives were announced today by the War Department.

Under the regulations, individuals in this country may send new books to individual prisoners of war held by the United States by ordering them directly from the publishers. The books must be sent by the publishers to the prisoners, and cannot pass through the hands of the donors. Old books may be sent to individual prisoners of war by friends or relatives in this country, but they must be sent in care of the commandant of the camp in which the prisoner is confined.

Prisoners will not be allowed to receive directly books published outside continental United States since 1930. Such volumes must be sent to the Prisoner of War Department, District Postal Censor, Box 20, General Post Office, New York, New York. They must contain no writing other than the text, and will be censored before being forwarded to the prisoner of war camps.

While prisoners of war still are prohibited from sending maps, sketches or drawings to friends or relatives in this country or abroad, the regulations have been modified to permit them to send certain approved photographs.

Corporal's Post-War Library Idea Accepted

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Cpl. William F. Morse, librarian, has been notified by the American Library Association that it will use his original idea of using post-war Army libraries as rural reading centers in a nation-wide campaign to be outlined in the next issue of American Library Association Bulletin.

Practicability is the keynote of Corporal Morse's post-war plan. Instead of placing Army libraries on the auction block to be knocked down to the highest private bidder, or allow them to gather dust in old post libraries, Camp Librarian Morse's idea is to make these libraries the nucleus for rural library extension work in the areas in which they now serve the military.

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J.—A group of new men just arriving here were lined up by a sergeant and told to call out their names.

"Cohen," "O'Brien," "Harris," they sounded off. Then—"Sinatra."

The sergeant looked up mad. "I guess the next thing you'll be telling me is your first name's 'Frank'."

Replied the corporal: "Yes, sergeant, it is."

That name's been getting him in trouble ever since he came into the army in October, 1942, and even before in civilian life. Sinatra—the soldier—is even mistaken in ap-

pearance for the crooner Sinatra. He has the same dark hair, lean face and curl hanging over his forehead. What's more, he's the crooner's cousin.

"I have trouble explaining that I am Frank Sinatra, and then I have to explain I'm not," says the Signalman of his strange plight. "Since that other Sinatra became famous, my name has become quite a burden. I can't do the normal, every day things any more without an argument."

"Recently, I signed a hotel register and the clerk looked up and

You Get a Primary Vote in 10 States

WASHINGTON—Information to facilitate voting in 11 States primaries during June and the first half of July by service personnel whose residence is in those States, has been made available through a War Department circular.

Ten of the States will make available State absentee ballots covering Federal, State and local offices. Soldiers having voting residence in New Mexico may vote in that State's primary on June 6 only by appearing in person at the proper local election since New Mexico does not provide for absentee ballots.

Special information for the ten State primaries in which absentee voting is possible follows:

Georgia—Primary, 4 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 10 May. Application may be made either in accordance with Georgia law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Atlanta, Georgia.

Idaho—Primary, 13 June; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 1 June. Application may be made either in accordance with Idaho law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Boise, Idaho.

Iowa—Primary, 5 June; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 11 April. Application may be made on a special form furnished by Iowa. This special application form may be secured either by writing to the Secretary of State, Des Moines, Iowa (or to appropriate local election officials, if known), or by forwarding the official post card on which the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as an application for State absentee ballot.

Washington—Primary, 11 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 25 May. Application may be made either in accordance with Washington law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Olympia, Washington.

Maine—Primary, 19 June; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 10 May. Application may be made on a special form furnished by Maine. This special application form may be secured either by writing to the Secretary of State, Augusta, Maine (or to appropriate local election officials, if known), or by forwarding the official post card on which the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as a request for an application for State absentee ballot. Such request should be made at the earliest possible date.

Oklahoma—Primary, 11 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 1 July. Application may be made either in accordance with Oklahoma law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Oklahoma City.

Pennsylvania—Primary, 11 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 15 April. Application may be made either in accordance with Pennsylvania law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

South Carolina—Primary, 11 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 15 April. Application may be made either in accordance with South Carolina law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Columbia, South Carolina.

Wisconsin—Primary, 11 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 15 April. Application may be made either in accordance with Wisconsin law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Madison, Wisconsin.

Wyoming—Primary, 11 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 15 April. Application may be made either in accordance with Wyoming law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Other States—Information to facilitate voting in 11 States primaries during June and the first half of July by service personnel whose residence is in those States, has been made available through a War Department circular.

Michigan—Primary, 11 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 12 June. Application may be made either in accordance with Michigan law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan.

Minnesota—Primary, 10 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 10 May. Application may be made either in accordance with Minnesota law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mississippi—First primary, 4 June; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 4 May. Application may be made either in accordance with Mississippi law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Jackson, Mississippi.

North Dakota—Primary, 27 June; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 15 April. Application may be made either in accordance with North Dakota law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Oklahoma—Primary, 11 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 1 July. Application may be made either in accordance with Oklahoma law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Oklahoma City.

Washington—Primary, 11 July; earliest date State will forward absentee ballot to applying soldier is 25 May. Application may be made either in accordance with Washington law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Olympia, Washington.

80th Artillery Tradition Kept

WASHINGTON — Perpetual the superb traditions established by the Division Artillery of the 80th Division in World War I, the Division Artillery guys of the present day 80th recently attained the highest grade of rank in division artillery or non-division artillery group since the inauguration of the new Army Ground Forces Field Artillery Battalion Tests last November.

Inspired by the gallant record of the 80th's Field Artillery of the Great War, which had more suc-

cessive days of combat firing to credit than any other American

... the current Blue Ridge can

ers obtained a grade which indi-

cates a high standard of leader-

ship.

This is a source of great pride

satisfaction to Maj. Gen. Horace McBride, Commanding General of the 80th Infantry Division who

the Commander of Division Arti-

lery during those formative days

in the Field Artillery Battalions of

80th received their initial train-

ing.

Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Searby

succeeded General McBride as Com-

manding General of Division Artil-

ery has done much to further

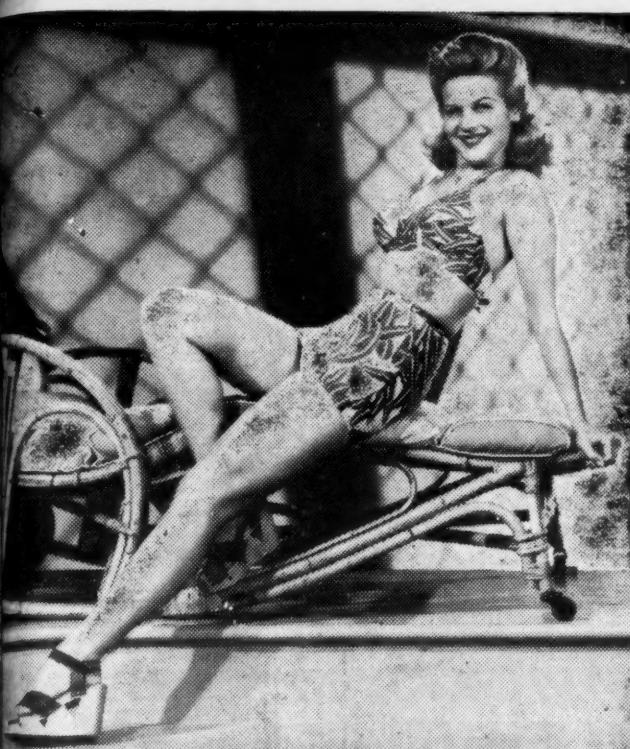
high degree of technical effi-

ciency and esprit de corps

which distinguishes the 80th's

Divisional Artillery.

Even with the 45th



PATRIOTIC Martha O'Driscoll models a pair of non-ration shoes. Even her last movie, Universal's "Weekend Pass," had a patriotic name.

Losing Legs Doesn't Make A Hero, Says Wounded Vet

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FORT DEVENS, Mass. — Having both legs blown off by a mortar shell does not make a hero out of a man, according to Pvt. Leo Emmett of Chelsea.

"I'm here and there are plenty of other guys who did more than I did recently," is the way he looks at it, one division away from his cot in Lovell General Hospital, recuperating from his Ground Rounds.

The shell that took off his legs killed a man standing beside him

and wounded an officer. And it was twelve hours before "the medics" could get him to an evacuation hospital, so intense was the German fire—it took them five hours to reach him and another seven hours to get him to safety.

Emmett served with the Third Division in Sicily, Salerno and near Cassino. Later he fought in the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead landing.

"We landed on the first day, and I was in the first wave," he recalled; "we met very little opposition at first and then the Germans opened up."

On the third day, while acting squad leader, "a mortar shell landed right between my legs. The shell killed my assistant squad leader and hit a captain pretty hard."

"I knew my left leg was done for, it was sort of numbed. I felt no pain. I put my belt around the other leg to stop the blood . . . It was five hours before the medics got to me but they couldn't get me back. They did what they could for me and seven hours later I was picked up."

"But," and there was sincerity in his tone, "don't make me out a hero."

BOOKS

NEWS OF THE 45th by Sgt. Robinson. Illustrated by Sgt. Mauldin. (University of Oklahoma Press, Oklahoma City, Okla.)

Even when they're under fire, men in the 45th (Thunderbird) Division nearly always count on having current issue of the "45th Division News" to read in their foxholes, millions of providing that they have a fox hole trained a moment for reading. In Sicily, the editors had to find the fugitive as owner of a hand press before "News" could be printed. In Salerno, the paper went to bed in building still smoking from a bomb explosion; at Salerno, nearby shells competed with the roar of the guns.

Now, meeting its deadline regularly, more-or-less without hitch in Naples (although we notice it still uses double quotation marks), the "News" quotes only a column of two of its pages to news outside of 45th Division activity. For the most part it is filled with such small-town items as:

"Stumbling out of his foxhole in the middle of a shelling, Infantry Pvt. Alex Gurlanick, New York City, explained he was just out for some fresh air." or

"Pvt. Carl T. Moye, Missouri, a signal replacement, became an instant success with signalmen. He is baker of delicious pies." or

"On April 23rd, Cpl. Marshall Clements, medics, will celebrate the birthday of his son, Marshall Lee Clements. He hopes to be home for the second celebration."

The "News," excerpts from which appear in the University of Oklahoma publication, "News of the Fortieth Division" began life in Oklahoma during the limited national emergency. It was the first Army newspaper by and for soldiers: its editor, Sgt. Don Robinson, also author of the book; its cartoonist, Sgt. Bill Mauldin, whom Ernie Pyle believes the finest cartoonist yet produced by World War II; its photographers, Sgt. George Tapscott, and its reporters, Cpls. Bill Barrett and Ted Sheehan.

Sergeant Robinson, who once bat out copy for Southwestern newspapers, tells the story of the "45th News" very much as he writes the paper itself. Leaving the heavy stuff for anyone who cares to do it, he relates the little things that strike him as funny. He doesn't analyze the reactions of his readers or even his fellow staff members, but likes an amusing, inconsequential count of the crazy life of a soldier.

Between The Covers

Anyone making a personal postwar survey might consider the suggestion of "South America—Land of Opportunity" in the May 6 "Liberty." In this, Sylvia Porter predicts that North American men and machines will move south to help Latin America use her raw materials and manpower—and consequently expand their own businesses. She names half a dozen large corporations currently experimenting with plants in South America or currently planning such experiments.

Probably of interest to some of those six airmen would be Maj. Alexander P. de Seversky's revelation, "I Owe My Career to Losing a Leg," in the May issue of "Ladies Home Journal." He tells how his despair over the loss of his leg was replaced by a great challenge. Things which were commonplace to other people—walking, dancing, playing games—became thrills to him when he learned how to do them with an artificial limb. Following Major de Seversky's story is a page-and-a-half spread of photos of Air Corps rehabilitation hospitals and camps.

"Radio in a Theater of War" is the lead article in the May "Radio News." Kenneth Porter, "Radio News" war correspondent makes his report on the electrical and electronic equipment he saw in a 9 weeks' tour of the ETO. Radio fans who want to know how it's done—more-or-less—will find his story good reading.

Interested in what goes on? The May "American Mercury" gives out with a story on "personality and faction clash" in the "Roosevelt Supreme Court"—author, Merle J. Pusey. Mercury editor Eugene Lyons points out in "The State of the Union" that American liberals are betraying their own principles in accepting many of Stalin's territorial ambitions without protest. Mr. Lyons contends that some Americans applaud Soviet policies which they condemned in Germany.

The Culprit! Corporal Started Jitterbug Craze

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky.—Ever been elbowed off the dance floor or kicked in the shins by a hepcat? Then you have reason to gnash your teeth at Cpl. Donald Tompkins of the 75th Division Special Service Office at Camp Breckinridge!

The 37-year-old G. I. claims he originated the first jitterbug number. Says it was the Varsity Drag in "Good News," the Broadway musical which ran for two years.

Pint-sized Tompkins has an interesting background in show business. As a boy he played in movies starring William Farnum, filmed in New York before Hollywood became the nation's film mecca. Later he played juvenile lead with W. C. Fields and vaudeville with Julia Sanderson and the late Frank Crumit.

He appeared in several outstanding stage shows and movies, specializing in comic roles. Before his induction in 1943, Tompkins had rounded out a year and a half in Olsen and Johnson's "Sons-o-Fun."

Good Excuse For Soakin' Up Suds

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Beer drinking, pop-guzzling Shelby dogfaces added more than a half million dollars to their company and battery funds and post recreation services last year through purchases of merchandise in the post's 47 exchanges, which in a 30-day period sell over \$700,000 worth of necessities and little luxuries of Army life.

Such is the report which comes this week from the PX statisticians who tabulate the profits and dish out dividends every month to units to boost EM morale. Already in the first three months of '44 \$133,961.31 has gone back to troops here. Last year the 12-month figure was \$640,509.77.

The money return is not due to high prices charged by exchanges, however, for the majority of items are sold at cost, but is the result of the fraction-of-a-cent markup placed on certain items to pay necessary overhead and to keep money available for units to spend for parties, dances, and all activities approved by ARs for the welfare of enlisted men.

One Private Boasts

'I Am An Army Deserter'

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—"I am a deserter," readily admits Pfc. Friedrich Koeth and adds: "From the German army." Koeth is now with the Eastern Personnel Reassignment Center at Camp Butner, N. C., following a year with the 569th Signal Co. at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Born in Mexico City of German parentage, Koeth automatically became a German subject due to the provisions of a Mexican-German reciprocal treaty. But he was already claiming New York City as his home when he paid a visit to his grandparents in Germany in 1926.

While living with them, he was required to register for military training. Within a few months Koeth was taking his basic training with the 92nd Infantry Division at

Hildburghausen, Germany.

Of his brief experience with the German army, Koeth says: "We were quartered in an old castle. Our uniforms were discarded policemen's outfit. Our rifles were of 1918 vintage. Cartridges with wooden tips were used exclusively during our training."

"Meals?" Koeth continues. "One hot meal a day, generally consisting of stew. The rest of our food we prepared in our barracks from rations. Tea or butter just weren't. Horse drawn wagons plus saddle horses provided for all our transportation," he concluded.

As for his desertion, Koeth explains that a few wisely distributed bribes, amounting to about two hundred dollars, won him a year's respite as a reservist, following his eight week basic course. During that time he simply returned to this country on his American visa—and stayed.

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Other Club Owners

Sing The 'St. Louis Blues'

WASHINGTON—Out in St. Louis they're singing the "Blues" — but it's strictly for harmony and not for hunger — as the Browns and Cardinals make the Mississippi River city the baseball capital of the nation.

The Cards were expected to rule the roost in the National League this season while the amazing Browns were handed but a lick and a promise by pre-season dopesesters.

Despite a rather pitiful .239 batting average the Browns beat Detroit three straight to open the season and then proved it wasn't a fluke by handing the Chicago White Sox a dose of the same medicine.

Healthy Hitting

The Cardinals, on the other hand, have been the only club that hasn't suffered at the plate and have been thumping the old apple at a healthy .308 clip.

The pad and pencil addicts have figured out that thus far this year it has been a pitchers' season with most clubs batting far under last year's mark. The Browns of course kick this theory in the shins and the Athletics, who are up there in the junior circuit, add another kick by producing a lousy .177 mark.

In the American League the Yanks and Senators, who were rated one-two by pre-season guessers, are in that position in the batting averages but aren't doing as well in the won-lost column.

"Butter-Fingeritis"

The Yankees have been suffering from a few bad attacks of "butter-fingeritis" and slight mental lapses. The runs they hammer across the plate with solid base hits disappear in the wave of errors and bone-head plays. Marse Joe McCarthy, who is confined to his home by illness, is being missed.

As bad as the Yanks have been the Senators have been worse. Some excellent pitching jobs turned in by a solid pitching staff have gone into the lost column due to fielding and base-running boners.

Boston was supposed to be the hitting team in the American league but thus far good pitching has kept them up near the top. Detroit has been forced to rely primarily on pitching and little hitting while Chicago and Cleveland haven't seemed to be able to get started as yet.

Rejuvenated Giants

As surprising as the Browns' winning streak has been the big city fans are even more goggle-eyed over the rejuvenated Giants.

Hitting well, .292, and getting some

first class pitching has kept the Giants neck-and-neck with the powerful Cardinals. Loyal Giant fans are bemoaning the fact that Master Mel Ott has passed his physical and is awaiting induction.

Cincinnati has used its mound staff to an advantage and is getting some timely, though not heavy hitting. The Philadelphia Phillies, or rather Blue Jays, may be the dark horse of the National League pennant chase. Though lacking a well-rounded pitching staff the Phillie

Rookies have been hitting at a consistent clip.

Although Brooklyn fans are still waiting to see Lippy Leo in the line-up the Bums after a poor start are starting to find a little scoring power and may be a strong factor in the pennant chase.

Chicago is having trouble getting started again this season. Boston ditto. The Pittsburgh Pirates are disappointing their followers by not supporting some fair pitching with a little hitting.



"—And the best part is any number of people can play."

Fishing With Hand Grenades Is Popular Overseas Sport

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — Sports are a popular pastime for Air Force men when they're not flying in combat. AAF veterans who have returned from overseas told how they played baseball, football, volleyball and even went hunting, fishing and swimming in between bombing or other combat missions.

Now at the AAF Redistribution Station in Atlantic City to receive new assignments after completing their tours of duty in the various war theatres, they emphasized that

no one sport held sway over the others.

If they had a football, they would improvise a gridiron. If they had baseball equipment, they'd find space to make a diamond. When they captured German ammunition, they would go hunting and fishing with enemy hand grenades.

"Swimming was my favorite sport," said 1st Lt. Donald L. Lester, veteran of 52 missions in North Africa and Italy as bombardier-navigator in a Boston attack bomber. "We'd go to a Mediterranean beach whenever we could get away. We also went fishing with German hand grenades. We'd eat fish for dinner."

F/O Ralph L. Davis, Liberator pilot, said that in England, "We used to go hunting until authorities put a stop to it. Back in our huts we'd cook the birds we shot. I also used to do a lot of bike riding."

"When I was in Italy," said T/Sgt. Leland P. Golden, Flying Fort radio operator-gunner on 50 missions, "we played touch football on a field right off the runway. We also did some boxing. Back in North Africa we played softball."

Post-War Job Awaits Officer

FOR MONMOUTH, N. J. — One fighting man who has a post-war job he can count on going back to is Lt. Jerome L. Kessler of this post, recently appointed special assistant prosecutor (in absentia) of Essex County, N. J.

In making the appointment, County Prosecutor William A. Wachenfeld said that it was his belief that servicemen and women should not have to forego the normal development of their careers because of their absence while serving Uncle Sam. As he would have named Lieutenant Kessler to the post in peacetime, he was doing so now although the new prosecutor will not act in his official capacity for the duration of his military career.

Over 70 Entries In Silver Glove Meet

CAMP DAVIS, N. C. — With close to 70 entries already filed with the Camp Davis, N. C., Athletic Office the Silver Gloves boxing tournament scheduled to get underway May 1 has Antiaircraft soldier routers aglow with eager anticipation of spirited competition.

Pvt. Hugo Amato, veteran fight handler and fistic promotor, has drawn up 10 weight divisions ranging from flyweight through unlimited division, including open and novice classes. Silver gloves will be awarded individual champions and suitable prizes are to be given runners-up.

Truax Field Sports Program Expanded

TRUAX FIELD, Wis. — Madison and the State of Wisconsin will be represented in major service and collegiate baseball competition for the first time since the war began by a star-studded team from Truax Field.

This was indicated late last week when field athletic authorities announced that the Fort Worth headquarters of the AAF Training Command had removed travel restrictions that had previously prevented personnel from posts in that command from competing beyond a 25-mile limit, and had thus cleared the way for the formation of a Truax squad.

It is understood that a tentative schedule — which may well run to 25 games — would pit the Truax Raiders against the cream of service and collegiate competition in the midlands. Presumably, service teams to be carded will include Great Lakes, Camp Grant, Scott Field, and Chanute Field. Collegiate opposition probably will be provided by the University of Wisconsin, Marquette, University of Illinois and Northwestern.

CAMP DAVIS, N. C. — A 28-game schedule that calls for baseball contests with leading servicemen's teams has been announced. The Blue Brigade schedule includes Cherry Point, Seymour Johnson, Camp Butler, Camp Pickett, Fort Bragg, Florence Air Base, North Carolina pre-Flight and Wilmington Shipyard.

tail turret full of smoke, a large dent in his flak suit and cracks in his glasses from flak splinters that had penetrated the window of his position.

"Luck was with me, though," he related. "I had glass splinters in my eyes and couldn't see very well. Two engines were disabled, but our pilot, Lieut. Howard W. Phelps of Binghamton, N. Y., got us back safely." (The United Press said he had fully recovered from his injuries.)

"It's funny about this — you know, I've played tennis in most of the countries we're bombing now," he said.

A member of the Davis Cup squadron from 1930 to 1935, and national indoor champion four times between 1931-35, Sergeant Mangin holds decisions over William T. (Bill) Tilden and Germany's Gottfried von Cramm.

American Legion Grads In Majors

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — A total of 26 new graduates of American Legion Junior Baseball have been signed by the two major leagues this year and will play big-time professional ball for the first time if Uncle Sam doesn't get them.

Of the new crop of Legion-trained youngsters, the American League got 23 and the National 3.

American League clubs now hold contracts with 153 Legion Junior Baseball graduates, but 48 of these are in the armed forces.

National League clubs have 115 such Juniors on their rosters but 34 are on leave in military or naval service.

With \$20,000 from the two major leagues again available for traveling expenses, The American Legion throughout the nation, has issued the annual call for spring training for more than 500,000 boys not over 16 years of age, for the 18th annual season of its Junior Baseball program. More than 20,000 teams will be organized with nationwide competition starting June 30. Minneapolis, Minn., won the 1943 American Legion Junior Baseball world championship.

Although Brooklyn fans are still waiting to see Lippy Leo in the line-up the Bums after a poor start are starting to find a little scoring power and may be a strong factor in the Kentucky Derby.

Stir Up Rated Number One Horse In Derby

WASHINGTON—Although he'll have to beat a jinx as well as a number of good horses, Stir Up has been installed as favorite in the Kentucky Derby.

While fans were breaking all the betting records, Stir Up raced to a four-length victory in one section of the Wood Memorial at Jamaica. Not only did the chestnut gelding win—he also beat the winter book favorite, Fukka Gin, who finished a badly beaten fourth. Few Wood winners have won the race of the Roses.

In the other half of the Wood Lucky Draw romped home an easy winner but his time, 1:46 1/5, was two seconds or 20 lengths slower than Stir Up's. Only Styline, who finished second behind Stir Up, impressed the crowd.

Stir Up paid \$6.50, \$3.90, \$3.30;

Styline, \$7.00, \$4.60; Autocrat, \$3.50; Lucky Draw paid \$4.30, \$3.50, \$2.75; Broad Grin, \$5.80, \$3.90; Hoodoo, \$3.80.

Half-Million Bet

Over a half-million dollars was bet on the two sections of the Wood with a total of \$3,176,553 bet by 412 improvers-of-the-breed on the seven-race program. This shattered every known betting record.

At other race tracks the cash poured through the tote machines but no three-year-olds excited the interest aroused by the Wood Memorial. At Pimlico, Sun Again gained a bit of revenge by scoring a two-length victory over Four Freedoms in the Southern Maryland Handicap. Tola Rose, who won the Bowle Handicap the week before, ran third.

Missed Arcaro

Four Freedoms missed Eddie Arcaro, who was riding Stir Up at the time, in the saddle and couldn't keep up with the winner in the stretch run. Sun Again, the favorite, returned \$3.40 for \$2.

In the Harford Purse Solitaire, a consistent handicap horse, defeated Porter's Cap by three lengths with New Moon two and one-half lengths further back.

Loveday, an 8-year-old mare scored by head in the Roger Williams handicap at Narragansett over a vastly-improved Scotch Abbott. Boot and Spur was third.

Loveday paid \$7.20, \$5, \$2.80. Scotch Abbott, overlooked in the betting, \$22.60, \$8; Boot and Spur, \$2.60.

SPORTS CHAT

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—The 20th Armored Division's crack baseball team lost a three-game series to the Nashville Vols, 1943 Southern Association champions. The Armoradairs won the first game, 13-11, but drop the other two, 7-4 and 7-5.

SMYRNA FIELD, Tenn.—Softball fans and players will have plenty of entertainment this season as a league of 14 teams prepare to roll into action. A total of 162 games will be played under the new lights.

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—The Camp Pickett Pirates were counting on power with the stick to beat the Richmond Colts, but found unexpected strength on the mound and beat the Piedmont League club, 3 to 1, in a bang-up eleven inning game.

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—In a fast, spectacular ball game played under blustery, dusty conditions the Eleventh Armored nine dropped a game to the fast, classy Hammer Field Bombers, 4 to 0.

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—After running into a number of delays the Camp Ellis Cardinals at last got their baseball season underway with the Lockheed Cubs.

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The summer boxing season has been officially opened at Camp Stewart. A seven-bout boxing card was presented at the outdoor Sports Arena.

FORT DIX, N. J.—Once voted the outstanding pitcher-hitter of the Negro National League, Jonus G. Gaines is a sergeant in the 320th Quartermaster Service Battalion.

NEWPORT FIELD, Ark.—Twenty-four enthusiastic GI's, including seven from last year's team, reported for baseball practice.

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Sportsmen of surrounding states have descended on Camp Grant with their prize hounds for the Chicagoland Field Trial Club's spring trials over 1,500 acres of pheasant and quail cover here.

CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, Ark.—A new game, which uses ping pong equipment, is being played here. The principal difference is that the court is marked off on the floor instead of playing on a table.

FORT WARREN, Wyo.—Out in the Rocky Mountain region the baseball candidates are encountering typical spring training weather and thus far the 20 to 30 would-be baseball players are getting their workouts in the gym.

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—Keesler's promising 1944 baseball team opened the baseball season by scoring an impressive 8-3 win over Tulane's Green Wave. Playing in a downpour that ended the game in the ninth, the Keesler Fielders proved to be good muders.

FORT JACKSON, S. C.—Although three tough games are slated the Raiders are looking ahead to the day when they meet Kiki Cuyler and his Atlanta Crackers. With a number of semi-pro and university stars in the line-up the Raiders expect a winning season.

LINCOLN FIELD, Neb.—Pfc. J. C. "Red" McSwain, former Bosox, has been named manager of the 1944 edition of the Lincoln Field nine.

\$3 Fishing Trips Arranged for GIs At Camp Shelby

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—If men of the 219th Field Artillery Group don't develop their "sea legs" long before they ever board a transport for the other side it won't be the fault of their Special Service Office.

A 60-foot auxiliary schooner, the "Vixen," out of Biloxi, has been chartered to take them on ocean fishing trips each and every Saturday from May 6 to the end of the summer fishing season.

Excused from the usual Saturday Army routine by Col. Samuel E. Fairchild, group commander, 20 men from one of the battalions will show off at 8 a.m. each week and won't drop anchor again in Biloxi until 6 p.m. What's more this seemingly expensive trip for the average dog face will cost each man only \$3.

Tackle, bait, and everything else except sunburn lotion will be furnished for the three smackers.

Delayed Action

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Tex.—1st Sgt. Cyril Eugene Belongie, Fifth Auxiliary Surgical group, is acquiring a reputation for being a "ha-a-a-a rd man" among members of his organization. To show you what they mean, they'll cite a recent occurrence.

Two men from another organization reported to the topper by mistake one day. He sent them to the proper organization—after they had completed the job of sweeping off the Fifth's volleyball court.

Quiz Answers

(See "ARMY QUIZ," Page 5)

1. Railway trains, ships, airplane trucks, amphibious "ducks," parachutes, gliders, canoes, dog teams, reindeers, camels, elephants and antelope runners.

2. C. Fliers term missions Germany "The Big League."

3. B.

4. B.

5. Men of the armed forces classified 1C by draft boards. AFIT is the Armed Forces Institute which supplies correspondence courses and is open to any member of the Army or Navy.

6. C. The havelock is a hat which comes down over the back of the neck, used in desert warfare to keep insects from getting down the neck. It is also used by the WAVES as a rain hat.

7. A. Gen. Winfield Scott commanded the Army from 1841 to 1861.

8. Germany acquired the Marshall Islands from Spain by purchase after the Spanish-American war.

9. 1000. A sortie is accomplished by a single plane when, on an ordered operation, it enters an area where the enemy's defense is usually active.

10. B.



SO LONG, PALS. On the Fifth Army beachhead, Pfc. Earl H. Brandell covers two of his fellow infantrymen who were killed by Nazi machine gun fire. —Signal Corps Photo.

Radio Man Blown Out Of 'Fort'

STATION, England — Nearly down in two amidships, the hulk of B-17 Flying Fortress floundered back to England after one of the first daylight attacks on Berlin, ridged with holes, wreckage dangling from it and the radio operator gone, having vanished somewhere over Germany.

Ground crewmen, shaking their heads in amazement, looked into the radio room of the battered plane, entire floor of the compartment had been blown away, and a hole nearly large enough to drive a jeep through was at the top and side of the room.

No one knew what had happened to the radio operator when the door of his compartment was blown from under him. Cables and tubing hung limp and drooped from the ship's underbelly. The flapping bomb bay door was angled almost beyond recognition. The wing spar had been severed and

strain had wrenched the trailing edge of the wing and ripped the metal into long jagged tears in the fuselage. Hundreds of holes of assorted sizes were scattered over the center of the fuselage.

Yet in this condition, the plane had flown 600 miles. The pilot kept the torn and battered bomber in formation all the way home to England despite furious fighter attacks.

On this attack, the Eighth Air Force had fought one of the most savage aerial battles of the war. The escorted bombers had headed straight for Berlin and were contested by flak and enemy fighters all along the route. The B-17 ploughed through the storm of en-

emy opposition until an ear-splitting explosion set the 30-ton bomber shaking and careening like a spurned bronco. The pilot wrestled the stricken ship into level flight and back into formation.

The engineer made a quick inspection. When he found the main spar severed and the entire mid-section of the plane weakened, he reported to the pilot that "only fate will bring this Fortress back".

At this base in England the pilot made a near-perfect 3-point landing. The Fortress bounced along down the runway on a flat tire and with the twin-guns of the jammed ball turret scraping the concrete and sending off sparks.

Merger Favored by WD

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Secretary Stimson paid tribute to the voluntary cooperation during the war by both Army and Navy personnel but pointed out that "our experiences in the war have abundantly brought out that voluntary cooperation, no matter how successful, cannot under any conditions of warfare, and particularly amphibious warfare, be as effective in the handling of great military problems as some form of combination and centralized authority at the level of staff planning, supervision and control."

Duplication

He revealed that despite the efforts of the two services there were many duplications of time, material and manpower with resulting loss of effectiveness, resources and power.

Stimson warned that although the actual changes could not be made in the critical period of the war, it is of the greatest importance that the general principle of consolidation be determined as soon as possible.

General McNarney stated that the consolidation was needed not only to increase effectiveness in war, but in the coming peacetime demobilization.

Brig. Gen. John M. Palmer, recalled to active service about two years ago to study demobilization and postwar problems, urged the nation to remember Washington's advice which called for universal military training so that a "citizen army" of substantial size is always ready.

Brig. Gen. William F. Tompkins told the committee that he has "yet to find" an officer in the War Department who does "not believe that a single department of the armed

forces is the best solution to the problem."

Thursday Undersecretary of War Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War for Air Lovett, Lieut. Gen. Breton Somervell and Brig. Gen. H. S. Hansell, Jr., told the committee it would be a logical step to make air one of the three legs of the tripod in the merging of the two departments into one. They were unanimous in giving air forces equality with ground and sea forces.

Air Secretary Lovett said the planned organization included a Fleet Air Force as a part of the Navy, consisting of carrier and ship-based aircraft.

General Somervell said the merging of the two departments might well be started without delay, while the war was still in progress. He said changes could then be tried out in actual operations, rather than be set up on a theoretical basis. He suggested that a time limit be set for the complete merger, and stressed particularly the need for merging both Army and Navy transportation now.

General Hansell cited the Allied defeats after the invasion of North Africa as evidence of the need of unification of all military forces. These resulted, he said, from a separation in the organization of the Allied armies, navies and air forces.

Assistant War Secretary Lovett gave the Anacostia Naval Air Station and the Army's Bolling Field as an example of the waste in duplication now. They adjoin, but each establishment has its own control tower, operations officer, weather officer, together with their assistants, a communications office, line chief, ready crews and other duplications.

14 Permanent Promotions Up For Approval

WASHINGTON—Permanent promotions for some 14 Army general officers, held up in the Senate for nearly seven months, appear slated for Senate approval in the next few weeks.

One sub-committee, considering three high-ranking officers, has issued a favorable report while another sub-committee is expected to do the same.

A third sub-committee, considering the controversial promotions of Lt. Gens. George Patton and Breton Somervell has not met as yet, but it is expected to okay the promotions when it does.

Six sub-committees in all were named recently to pass on the promotion list after the Patton incident, combined with some opposition to permanent advancement of Lieutenant General Somervell, threatened to bog down any action.

In the meantime General Patton has arrived in England. Although his new command has not been announced he is expected to assume a large role in the invasion, thanks to his record in the Mediterranean theater.

The first break in the log-jam of permanent promotions, originally sent to the Senate on October 1, came when Senator Edwin Johnson, chairman of a special Military Affairs sub-committee, recommended all three of the promotions referred to his group be confirmed.

These recommendations would advance Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney from colonel to major general in permanent rank; Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the Allied

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FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—The one question which settles friendly relations between Italians and Yank soldiers is "Do you come from Brooklyn?" If you do, they'll do anything for you, according to Lt. Abraham Stember, veteran of the

North African invasion just returned here from Naples.

"Everyone there seems to have a relative in Brooklyn. As soon as the Americans landed," he declared today, "the Italians in Naples dug up short wave radios, jewelry and food from beneath their floors. They had good wine, too, but the Army chaps were always offered that first."

Lieutenant Stember landed in Naples with the first troops to set up a message center.

"The Nazis made bombing raids, but soon the engineers set up a smoke screen system which baffled

Italian VD Rates Second Highest

NAPLES—Due apparently to widespread poverty which reduces whole Italian families into dependence on the earnings of younger daughters, the VD rate of Allied troops has picked up until it is second only to the overseas high of Sicily. Third in venereal disease rate was North Africa, while the South Pacific area is last, probably because there are fewer infected women in that territory.

Since so-called sulfa resistant gonorrhoea cases yield to penicillin in a relatively short time, and large quantities of penicillin are now available in Italy, a slash in the VD rate will probably come only from prevention.

The Allied Control Commission has outlawed all prostitution activities outside licensed, established houses, alleviating situations such as that which arose when the Allies entered Naples in October. At that time there was open solicitation on every street; now women keep away from the main streets, though they often use children as intermediaries. Venereal disease lurks in the rooms of improvised girls and women all over town and in this manner is likely to follow the troops as they move into other liberated, but impoverished areas.

On His Toes!

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—The tale of a problem private who became an Infantry Paul Bunyan comes without confirmation from the Mediterranean theater. The soldier was sloppy, insubordinate and unreliable. Finally he was brought before the commanding general who detailed him to several weeks of latrine digging.

When the division next went into combat the soldier slew scores of Germans, captured several more and won the Silver Star. The medal was presented by the same general who had disciplined him.

"Next time I see you I want to see some stripes on your sleeves," the general said.

Whereupon the soldier turned to his company commander and remarked:

"You heard what he said, didn't you?"

them. As soon as a warning was sounded, the smoke pots would be set off in all parts of the city. By the time the bombers arrived, the city was hidden by clouds. They could have figured out the location from Vesuvius, but they never did, not even at night when the spouting flames acted as a beacon."

He had high praise for the WACs working in the message center as switchboard operators.

Bombing raids never bothered them in the least. They just worked right through them. But if a mouse ran through the place, the entire message center was disrupted by their screams."

Top Shooting Honor

HOLABIRD SIGNAL DEPOT, Md.

The civilian guards who keep watch over the boundaries of Holabird Signal Depot had something to shoot at last week, and the shooting was good. However, after the smoke had cleared away, top score was credited to a woman member of the force—Mrs. P. Robert Penn.

Mrs. Penn, who can be found almost any day at the Reception Desk where visitors register before gaining entrance, was credited with 182 out of a possible 200 points, thereby qualifying for the rating of "Expert."

Caravan Comes East

WASHINGTON—The Camel Caravan, coming east from a series of Pacific Coast performances, will present an hour-long program at Walter Reed General Hospital on May 11. From Walter Reed, the Caravan, which has played to 4,000,000 servicemen since 1941, go to nearby Army posts Fort Belvoir, Camp Lee, and Richmond Base in Virginia and Fort Meade and Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland and other eastern camps. It will end its current tour at New York Stage Door Canteen May 27.

Randy Allen

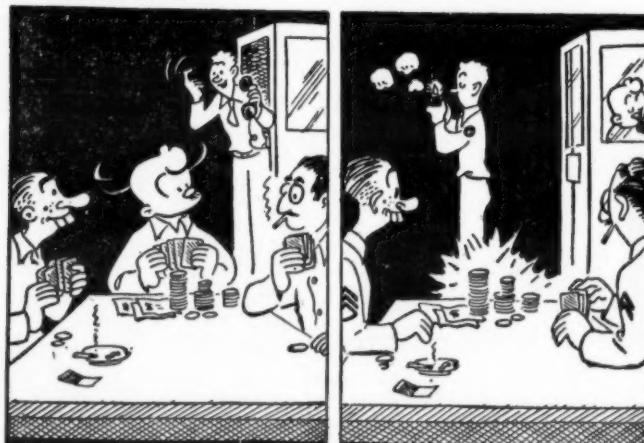


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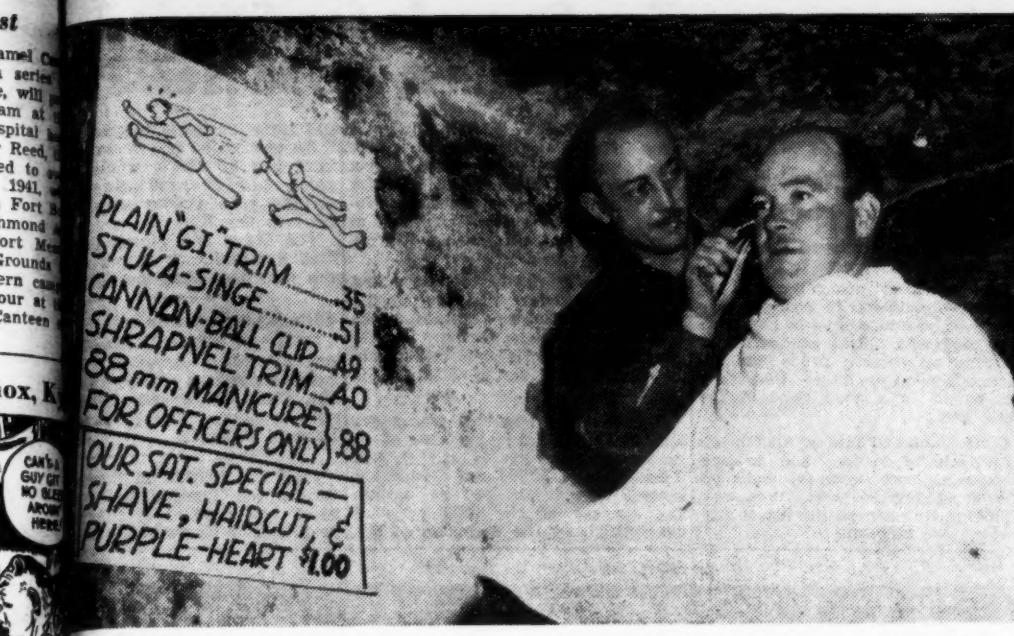
Cpl. Dean "Doc" Davis, Sheppard Field, Tex.



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Cpl. Art Gates, Keesler Field, Miss.



ALTHOUGH it was not stated just which of the fancy hair-dos Pvt. Clarence T. McFall was receiving it is rather evident that he is not a victim of a Saturday Night special. Tonsorial expert Pvt. George H. Olin has set up his shop somewhere in Italy.

—U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

War Department Booklet Tells

What Benefits Apply to Veterans

This is the third and final installment of the War Department booklet "Information for Soldiers Going to Civilian Life," which has been published in order to answer the questions and provide information for those who are honorably discharged or separated from the Army. These books will be distributed only to personnel being discharged.

BENEFITS THAT APPLY TO ALL HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS

Muster-Out Pay. Upon your discharge or relief from active duty in the Army, you are entitled to receive a certain sum of money known as "muster-out pay." Your length of service will determine how much you get.

If you have served less than 60 days, you will receive \$100; if you have served more than 60 days in continental United States, you receive a total of \$200, payable when you leave the service and one month later; if you have served more than 60 days overseas in Alaska, you will receive a total of \$300, payable \$100 when you leave the service, \$100 one month later and \$100 two months later. You will receive this pay in addition to what is regular pay and allowances due you.

If you are not entitled to this pay if you receive a base pay of over \$200 a month, or will receive retirement or are discharged at your own request to take a job, or have served as a student in the Army education-training program (ASTP, PTP), or if you left the Army to West Point or Annapolis. However, if you have served overseas you will be entitled to "muster-out pay" even though you are discharged at your own request.

The money you get from "muster-out pay" will not be taxable or subject to the claims of your credit.

Social Training. In the event you have a handicap that is not met by your military service, you may apply for special training to fit you for a job. The broad program is directed by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Federal Security Agency, but details are handled by each State individually. Information by writing to your department of education or to your reemployment committee.

Education. The Army will help you get school or college credit for what you may have learned while in service, no matter how you did it. To make this possible, the United States Armed Forces Institute will prepare for you a record of courses you may have studied, service schools you attended, and service jobs you had. Our request will forward a report of educational achievement to the school or college of your choice and will obtain for you a statement of the amount of academic credit which will be granted you.

Legal Protection. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, is designed to protect servicemen, under certain conditions, in regard to:

Lawsuits for collection of debts.

Contracts.

Repossession of property.

Collection of certain taxes.

Sale of property for taxes.

Eviction of dependents for nonpayment of rent.

Insurance premiums.

Rights in public lands.

As a former soldier you may be entitled to legal protection under the act regarding these matters. Consult your local Selective Service Board, Red Cross, Legal Aid Society, or Bar Association representative for advice.

In some cases, Federal and State laws provide for deferment or adjustment of tax payments by veterans. For information on Federal income tax and other Federal taxes go to the nearest office of the Col-

veterans, you will be able to learn about it by asking the Red Cross or by writing to the Veterans' Administration or to the Department of Education at the capital of your State.

Hospital Treatment and Veteran's Homes. In case of illness due to your service, hospital treatment and care in a Veteran's Home are provided regardless of your ability to pay.

Social Security.

You may come under one or both of two social-security systems upon return to civilian life. Those are (1) unemployment compensation and (2) Federal old-age and survivors insurance.

You will come under these systems if you work in a job that is "covered." Most jobs of private firms in business and industry are covered—that is, in factories, shops, mines, mills, stores, offices, banks, etc. Examples of jobs that are not covered are farm work, household service, Government and self-employment, work for educational and nonprofit organizations.

The key to both insurance systems is a social-security-account-number card. The number on it identifies each workers' social-security account under both systems. You will need a social-security card, therefore, if you take a job that is "covered."

If you had one before entering the service, locate it now so you will have it ready to show your employer upon return to work. If you had a card but cannot find it now, apply for a duplicate so that the new card will have the same social-security number as the card originally issued to you. Write to the nearest field office or direct to the Social Security Board, Candler Building, Baltimore, Md.

Unemployment compensation, or unemployment insurance, provides weekly payments to unemployed workers based on their previous work in jobs covered by the system. Each State and Territory has an unemployment insurance system. Most States have preserved the unemployment insurance rights of persons who had worked in "covered" employment before entering the service.

If you were in a "covered" job before your military service and if you do not get work immediately upon discharge, go to the nearest United States Employment Service office and ask whether you may file a claim for unemployment payments.

Most of these offices take claims for the State unemployment compensation agencies.

Club Speaks All Mule Languages

FORT SILL, Okla.—W/O Glen H. Long, who four months ago was an instructor in the Field Artillery School Animal Transport department, is now in Italy where one of his jobs is teaching Italian mules to understand English.

The information came to the school recently in a letter addressed to the Animal Transport department. Warrant Officer Long explained that the Italian way of making a mule go forward was by shouting a word which sound like "aaghuh" and at the same time swinging a club. The command used to stop the animal was a long screeching noise which sounds like "Eeee-Eeee-Eeee," Warrant Officer Long reported.

A Helluva-Looking Captain!

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Chances are ten to one that Capt. Wright F. Hallfrisch won't be caught with his bars down again.

The captain, like many station complement officers, took part in a tour of the infiltration course last Saturday in accordance with the instructions of the director of military training.

To make his trip under the hail of bullets, the man in question wore a pair of fatigues borrowed from a staff sergeant in his office. They were inscribed with the three over, one under.

After making his way through the murk and mire of the course, the captain, battered and bespat-

tered, returned to the finance office, where he works, to do more peaceful work on his job as chief of the receipts and disbursements branch.

At the door of the finance office he was challenged by a guard who asked, "Got some business in there sarge?"

"Why yes," answered the officer, "I'm Captain Hallfrisch, I work here."

The guard, a rangy pfc from parts unknown, surveyed the officer from head to foot with a penetrating stare which might have numbered every dab of dirt, and drawled, "OK, go ahead, but you're a helluva looking captain!"

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Many Industries Plan for Post War

WASHINGTON — Ever since the Axis forces started their "strategic withdrawals" political and business leaders have been making post-war plans. Although many are vague, a number of economists and manufacturers have gotten their postwar plans and prospects through to the blueprint stage.

The spring issue of the Journal of Commerce's "Postwar Planning" digests nearly 300 such plans and predictions. According to Dr. Carl N. Schmalz, businessmen will in general find a higher than average level of prosperity, quite possibly based on higher prices. Wage earners will find themselves receiving higher wages than before, though salaried workers may not be so fortunate.

Much production will be based on new or improved products. Culver Aircraft Corporation, for instance, visualizes a \$2,000 family airplane, incorporating new safety and utility devices. United Air Lines expects its business to expand to five times that of its biggest prewar year; it will then employ 20,000 persons in contrast to its former high of 4,300.

\$1-a-Night Pullmans

Those three-decker troop sleeping cars will be converted into \$1-a-night pullmans for travelers. Other types of travel will also be greatly reduced in cost. A Pan American Airways 1948 timetable and rate card just published forecasts trips to Paris which will take 34 hours round-trip travel time and cost \$200.

Low-priced cars, and many of them, are the prospect ahead of the automobile industry—18,400,000 says Chevrolet. Willys-Knight meanwhile has found 26 peacetime uses for the jeep.

The American Road Builders' Association predicts a \$3,000,000,000 annual expenditure on highways for several years following the war. This sum will be applied on construction of new, much needed, highways, rather than for war relief.

Things soldiers may come home to are dehydrated foods of all kinds, less soft drinks, alcohol distilled from wood pulp waste products. Prefabricated homes, possibly 20,000,000 a year, will be going up all over America, some with fancy sound-proof baby compartments.

Water Running Everywhere

The 83% of America's rural population still carrying water by hand will find it flowing from a tap, if the pump manufacturers' slogan "running water in every home" becomes a reality. Installing these pumps would, of course, provide many new jobs.

Todd shipyards are already employing more than 1,000 veterans with the belief that with proper placement and training, physically handicapped soldiers are fully capable of normal civilian activity.

A list of 2,500 different jobs which can be performed by such persons is being worked out by the United States Civil Service Commission both to provide jobs for people who want them and to fill vacancies in Federal offices.

For Civil Service tabulations Dr. J. A. Trayna, chief of the Commission's New York and New Jersey medical division, has checked the efficiency and attendance records of 200 handicapped persons at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. After studying the techniques required in different jobs, he found he could group them into categories such as those which

Bill of Rights

(Continued from Page 1) forces should be entitled," Senator Clark declared.

"Speaking for myself, if the policy of undertaking to prevent ordinary rights to colored troops should be adopted by the House, I will oppose, as Senator in charge of the bill, even the submission of the bill to a conference."

"I would prefer to leave it in the lap of Mr. Rankin and the House of Representatives and see how long they will keep the bill."

Special Training Units For Handicapped Men

WASHINGTON — Provision for the establishment of special training units for training, reassigning or discharging individuals with limited qualifications or handicaps which preclude immediate regular training, is made in WD circular 127, 1 April, 1944.

The purpose of these special training units is to relieve organizations, unit training centers and replacement training centers from giving regular training effort on certain recruits who are not able to absorb regular basic training. The training in the special units will conform to MTP 20-1 and is aimed to prepare the trainees to proceed to regular unit training. Individuals will be permitted to progress as rapidly as possible and will be assigned as soon as they acquire sufficient proficiency to proceed with the regular training program.

could be performed by a worker with only one hand, or only one foot, or with several fingers missing, and so on.

Vets Placed by USES

The U.S. Employment Service is often the connecting link between a disabled, ready-to-go-to-work veteran and a job. USES offices located near Army and Navy general hospitals receive daily lists of discharged men and their records from hospital interviewers. The Employment Services' special Veterans' Division tries to place ex-servicemen in their field of interest—regardless of the work they were doing before the war.

A striking example of the abundance of USES placements is the National Training School for Boys, Washington, D.C., where a sign

"Only veterans need apply," might well be posted. The school's purpose in hiring veterans is dual: it wants young men who will "stick" and it likes the effect of the veterans on the boys in the school. Fifteen ex-servicemen are employed there now—thirteen entirely new to the work.

On the local government level, nearly \$4,500,000,000 in postwar projects will be undertaken in construction programs. Cities are currently building up reserve funds and reducing bonded debts so that they can be off to a good start at the war's end.

Civic plans call first of all for improvement of sewers and sewage disposal systems, then for work on streets, highways and necessary buildings. Seventh on the list of city projects are airports.

Tax Exempts for Servicemen To Continue in the New Plan

WASHINGTON — Members of the armed forces will continue to receive the benefit of the special \$1,500 tax exemption, despite overall changes in individual income tax laws provided in the new Tax Simplification plan, Congressional tax experts asserted this week.

Members of the House Ways and Means Committee, who drafted the new plan, said the statute books would continue to list the special provision for servicemen, in addition to other exemptions provided in the law.

The way the new law works out may be illustrated by the case of an unmarried naval lieutenant (jg) with a base pay of \$2,000 and no private income who would pay no income tax because of the \$500 personal exemption and the exclusion of \$1,

500 from his gross income.

An unmarried full lieutenant, base pay of \$2,400, would have to pay a tax of about \$74. An unmarried civilian with similar earnings, have to pay \$384.

The Ways and Means Committee filed a unanimous report with the new Tax Simplification Bill

40th AAA at Campbell

CAMP CAMPBELL, KY. — The Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade, newly-arrived at Camp Campbell, from the Tennessee Maneuver area, is commanded by Brig. Leonard L. Davis.

THE "MINISTRY of Popular Culture" of the Mussolini Italian government has ordered a full stop American or Negro swing music.

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